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# Support: Ensuring special care helps readiness

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That initiative is part of a larger military effort, led by the Marines and the Army, to address the medical, educational and emotional challenges faced by special-needs families.

"The Marine Corps is really standing behind our military families and saying, 'We will take care of you and help you through this process,'" Driscoll said. With the U.S. military in the room, she said, the Poway school district seemed more willing to negotiate. Without setting foot in a courtroom, Paul was assigned a full-time aide.

The Defense Department says that about 220,000 active-duty and Reserve servicemembers have dependents with special needs, but only 90,000 are enrolled in the military's main program to serve them. For the past two decades, the program has ensured that families are transferred only to bases that have doctors available to address their needs. That has prompted concern among servicemembers that it will interfere with promotions and has caused the program to be underutilized.

But in 2007, the Army began offering as much as 40 hours a month of free respite care for soldiers who have dependents with disabilities. The Marine Corps followed suit in 2008 and then went further, creating about 60 new positions at installations across the country to help Marines and their families make the transition from place to place more smoothly.

Each Marine Corps family is assigned a caseworker who helps them understand states' differing disability regulations and navigate the bewildering process of accessing special-education services. Three staff attorneys have been designated to help parents with legal issues related to disabilities, including pressing school districts for those services.

"They needed to do something so that servicemembers could deploy without worrying," said Joyce Raezer, executive director of the National Military Family Association based in suburban Alexandria, Va.

Negotiating with school districts over special-education services is particularly difficult, families said. Federal law guarantees a free, appropriate public education for students with disabilities, but what that means is a matter of interpretation and varies widely. When parents want something other than what the district offers, there's little recourse without going to court — a lengthy and expensive proposition for a family that likely will move again in fewer than three years.

"Special education, the way it's set up right now, it's very hard for parents to hold school systems accountable," said Air Force spouse Jeremy Hilton, who has moved five times with Kate, his 7-year-old daughter with special medical and educational needs.

Driscoll said that in her case, the Poway school system agreed to devise a behavior plan and have a psychiatrist at Paul's school, but it offered only the 10 hours per week of direct service.

"I said, 'No, wait a minute. A piece of paper stuck in a file is not a replacement for direct services,'" she said.

The Marine Corps' expanded measures are encouraging servicemen and women to ask for help addressing dependents' disabilities rather than hiding them, officials said. Enrollment in the Marines' program for special-needs families, which is required to access the new services, is up 40 percent since 2007.

"We are in the midst of a transformation," said Rhondavena Laporte, who leads the Marine Corps' efforts to serve special-needs families.

The Army is developing a pilot program to deliver similar individualized sup-



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**Air Force Lt. Col. Kjäll Gopaul plays with his 2½-year-old son Evan, as sister AnnaBelle watches, on Dec. 22 after he returned home from his job at the Pentagon. Lt. Col. Elizabeth Schuchs-Gopaul, standing, talks with au pair Ellen Andersson.**



**Occupational therapist Sasha Gang, left, and au pair Ellen Andersson swing Evan Gopaul as part of his therapy while his mom, Air Force Lt. Col. Elizabeth Schuchs-Gopaul, at right, plays along.**



**Air Force Lt. Col. Elizabeth Schuchs-Gopaul is arguing for coverage for her son, Evan, who needs occupational therapy.**

port. It will start at five bases in the next six months, said Sharon Fields, who is in charge of the program.

The 2010 Defense Authorization Act, which President Barack Obama signed in October, calls for a new Defense Department office of support for families with special needs.

It will ensure consistency among the military's branches, according to the legislation, and monitor whether military families have fair access to state and federal programs.

"Everything for me ties into readiness," Fields said. "If we can provide that cushion of support for the family, the soldier is mission-ready to do his job or her job."

The changes are partly the result of lobbying by military families who point to the experiences of spouses such as Kyla Doyle.

Doyle fought a yearslong legal battle with a California school district to keep her

autistic daughter, Kate, out of a classroom for severely disabled children, where she would have been one of the only children able to speak.

Legal fees and the cost of Kate's therapy forced Doyle to move with her children into her parents' home. In the midst of it all, Doyle's husband, a master sergeant in the Marine Corps, was shot by a sniper in Afghanistan.

He recovered and deployed for a fifth overseas tour this summer. Doyle eventually won her battle with the school district, but managing alone was overwhelming, she said.

"It relieves so much stress to know that someone hears you and understands you and is willing to stand up for your child," Doyle said.

In other branches of the military, parents still shoulder that burden alone. When Air Force Lt. Col. Elizabeth Schuchs-Gopaul transferred from Alabama's Maxwell Air

Force Base to the Pentagon this summer, she was surprised to discover that speech therapy for her son, which had been free in Alabama, cost \$100 an hour in Virginia. Federal law gives states wide latitude in determining eligibility for, and the cost of, disability services.

"I was in a panic," said Schuchs-Gopaul, whose 2-year-old son, Evan, spent the first half of his life unable to hear and is just now learning to speak. She haggled with the military's health insurance for months before receiving payment. Now Evan needs occupational therapy, and she is again arguing for coverage.

The Air Force has launched an effort to bolster its services, said Maj. Richelle Dowdell, a spokeswoman. For Schuchs-Gopaul, whose son said "Mama" for the first time six weeks ago, at age 2½, that's welcome news.

"I don't expect them to take my hand and do this for me," she said. "But I would like some help."





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Maria Williams, center, and husband Petty Officer 1st Class Byron Williams, right, with other members of Yokosuka Naval Base's Filipino community, say they are helping their family members still living in the Philippines after the fall's severe storms devastated the islands.

## Yokosuka's Filipinos give a bit more this holiday

By ERIK SLAVIN  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Most of the international news cameras have long since departed the areas of the Philippines devastated by tropical storms, but the aid effort hasn't yet ended.

Three months after Tropical Storm Ketsana and Typhoon Parma caused \$4.4 billion in damage, more than a million Filipinos still live in flooded areas and thousands still live in evacuation centers, according to figures from the Philippine government and the Australian Embassy in Manila.

This month, Australia announced it would provide \$7 million to rebuild schools, improve health services and provide food. The U.S. also announced it would give an additional \$10 million in food aid to the Philippines, bringing the U.S. aid total to \$30 million.

However, smaller-scale giving has also been key to the nation's recovery.

Remittances from family members, like the many Filipinos and Filipino-Americans working at Yokosuka Naval Base, equal 10 percent of the nation's gross domestic product, according to the World Bank. Just outside the base's Womble Gate, Mikasa Church held a Christmas Eve raffle for victims of the storms.

The cause represents a personal tragedy for church members like Grace Ito, who works at the base furniture store and helped sell the raffle tickets.

Ito, who married a Japanese man and has lived in Japan since 1987, is one of 13 children in a family from the Santa Lucia area, north of Manila.

She called her family the Sunday that Ketsana struck and listened to them as they described the rising floods surging through the streets. Ito reached all but one sister.

"She had a missing phone, and that's when we knew they were lost," Ito said. "The house was swept away."

Ito's sister and seven nephews died in the storm.

Despite the tragedy, Ito said, her family and the people in the area have rebuilt some sense of normalcy.

She also knows that the aid she has given them, not to mention the holiday gifts, were greatly appreciated.

"We have a chance to work here, so we help a little bit to support them," Ito said.

The extent of Ito's tragedy may not be common, but it's hard to walk far around the base, population 25,000, without finding someone who at least knows of another family affected by the storms.

Ties between the Philippines and the U.S. Navy go back at least to the dawn of the 20th century. Following World War II, a military base agreement between the U.S. and the Philippines formalized enlistment protocols, and beginning in the 1950s, thousands of Filipinos enlisted annually for the prized jobs, according to a 1985 study of Filipino migration to America.

Today, the Philippine influence remains. Of the roughly 5,500 sailors aboard the Yokosuka-based aircraft carrier USS George Washington, about seven percent are Filipino-Americans, ship officials said in August following a visit to Manila.

People of Filipino descent work throughout the base. Even more stationed at Yokosuka have Filipino relatives through marriage, like Petty Officer 1st Class Byron Williams.

Williams' wife, Maria, said her brother's business was wiped out by flooding in Villasis, Pangasinan province. Family members living elsewhere are helping him get back on his feet, she said.

Giving something to family members in the Philippines during the holiday season may be the norm, but base residents here said the storms gave them a reason to give just a little bit more this year.

"A lot of people here are sending money down there over Christmas, so at least they can enjoy something," Byron Williams said.

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## M-ATV heralded as improvement in Afghanistan

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The U.S. military's new all-terrain vehicle doesn't look all that different from its lumbering predecessor. It's painted desert sand and reaching the cabin still means climbing a couple of steps.

On Afghanistan's rough dirt roads, however, the new \$500,000 to \$1 million Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All Terrain Vehicle is a major improvement over the massive Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle it's replacing, soldiers said. The M-ATV is tailored to Afghanistan, at least parts of it, and the Pentagon is sending about 5,000 of them to the battlefield.

For soldiers who had grown accustomed to bruising trips through rural Afghanistan, their first M-ATVs were an early Christmas present. Seemingly without effort, the vehicles climb mountains at angles that approach 45 degrees, and they glide across the country's rocky roads.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Thomas Shedd, a Georgia National Guardsman from Macon, in calculating the \$400,000 life insurance policy the Army provides for all of its deploying soldiers, rationalized the cost of the M-ATV this way: "If four soldiers walk out of that vehicle, you just bought two" M-ATVs.

In the cities, the M-ATV's lighter frame can make sharp turns and maneuver through Afghanistan's lawless traffic much better than the hulking MRAP can.

Introduced in 2007, the MRAP was the Army's answer to the Iraqi insurgency's deadliest weapon, the improvised explosive device. What worked in Iraq hasn't worked as well in Afghanistan, however.

Iraq has a network of smooth roads on flat terrain. In Afghanistan, most roads are paths of rocks and dirt, and the MRAP is ill-suited for navigating its mountainous environments. The

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MRAP's 36,000 pounds — more than 10,000 pounds heavier than the M-ATV — have given drivers headaches as they figure out how to maneuver around tight corners and up large hills.

Worse, McClatchy Newspapers reported last month that Afghan insurgents had found vulnerabilities in the MRAP, attacking convoys with explosive charges that punched projectiles through the vehicle's hull. IEDs have caused more than 60 percent of the coalition fatalities from hostilities in Afghanistan so far this year.

The military says the new M-ATV's lower weight won't mean less protection. Like the MRAP, the M-ATV's hull is V-shaped to deflect explosions from the vehicle's crew, but the military is withholding further details of the M-ATV's counter-IED capabilities.

Moreover, it's not safe to assume that insurgents who have devised ways to destroy the heavier MRAP won't in time also figure out how to disable or destroy the smaller M-ATV.

The excitement among the Georgia National Guardsmen about their new vehicles, which were lined up at Bagram Air Field when the guardsmen arrived Dec. 20 in a convoy, probably was born out of frustration with the MRAP.

"Most military vehicles are designed for someone 5 feet 6 inches, 5 feet 7 inches," said Sgt. Rodriguez Keger of Albany, Ga. "This is the first vehicle for someone 6 foot like me."



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The Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All Terrain Vehicle, seen at the AUSA show in Washington in October, has arrived in Afghanistan.



# NATO, Karzai spar over death claims

Alliance says victims were insurgents; president is angered by casualties

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC  
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The Associated Press

KABUL — Afghan government and foreign military officials sparred Tuesday over reports that 10 civilians died during a military operation — claims that further inflamed public sentiment against the international military presence as thousands more troops prepare to deploy.

Also Tuesday, NATO said a U.S. servicemember died in a shooting in western Afghanistan.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said he was angered over the deaths of innocent civilians on Sunday in a village in the Narang district of Kunar province that he said included eight young students.



Karzai

A NATO official said initial reports from troops involved in the fighting said the victims were insurgents.

Civilian deaths are one of the most sensitive issues for foreign troops in Afghanistan. Earlier this year, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the commanding officer in Afghanistan, gave his forces a new set of orders aimed at minimizing civilian casualties, though he acknowledged that doing so "entails risk to our troops." But alienating the Afghan population

is a far greater risk, he said.

Shoring up Afghan support is especially important now, as some 37,000 U.S. and NATO troops will begin deploying to the country in the coming months.

The reported incident in Kunar is the most serious allegation of accidental killings of civilians by Western forces since early December, when Afghan officials said 12 civilians were killed in an airstrike in neighboring Laghman province.

In an illustration of anti-Western sentiments in the country, an independent youth group planned a demonstration Wednesday in Kabul "against killing of civilians, especially the recent killing of students in Kunar by foreign forces."

A NATO official said that Sunday's mission in Kunar was a joint, ground operation involving U.S. and Afghan forces and no aircraft was used. The official sought anonymity so as not to interfere with coalition's involvement in the Afghan-led investigation of the incident.

The planned mission was against an insurgent network tracked for some time that was believed responsible for homemade explosive attacks on Afghan and international forces, the official said.

Based on weapons and improvised explosive device components found at the scene, the troops involved in the mission confirmed the deaths of nine insurgents, who were all young males, he added.

Gen. Zaman Mamoza, the local border police commander, also said Tuesday that those

killed were insurgents.

He told The Associated Press by telephone that he had received photos from the forces involved in the fighting that show the young victims were armed militants planning attacks against international troops.

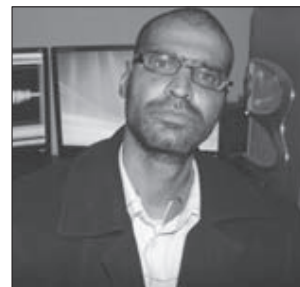
"I don't see civilians in the photos," he said. "The coalition said our target was insurgents who were planning to sabotage the security of the area. This operation looks like a successful operation. It seems like the men, ages between 25 and 30, were meeting in a room when they were struck."

However, Mohammed Hussain, head of administration of the Chawkey district in Kunar province, said he was in the village when the fighting took place, and all the victims were civilians. He said seven of the dead were from the same family.

Hussain said coalition forces first surrounded the village in the early morning hours on Sunday before they attacked the house in which "only innocent civilians lived."

"It is clear there was no insurgency and that they were students who were not carrying weapons," he told the AP. "One of the victims was a 17-year-old who was killed together with his three brothers."

NATO offered no additional details on the U.S. servicemember killed Tuesday, but Afghan Gen. Jalander Shah Bahnam said the American was killed and two Italian soldiers were injured when an Afghan soldier opened fire on a base in the Bala Murghab district of Badghis province.



DION NISSENBAUM/MCT

Zabiullah, an aspiring Afghan comedian best known for his impersonation of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, sits in front of computers where he works on his latest clip at a Kabul studio on Nov. 28.

## Freedom of speech is tested in Kabul

By DION NISSENBAUM  
McClatchy Newspapers

KABUL — Everyone around the Afghan capital seems to recognize his voice, but almost no one knows his face.

His crass impersonation of Afghan President Hamid Karzai draws both gasps and chuckles as it bounces from cell phone to cell phone around the capital.

In the weeks since Karzai secured his hold on a second term after a dubious election, this anonymous Karzai impersonator has become the newest voice of underground political dissent to test the limits of free speech in Afghanistan.

The satire isn't sophisticated. For 150 seconds, 'Karzai' hurls some startling insults — especially for a conservative Muslim country — at political challenger Ashraf Ghani.

The audio clip has boomeranged around Kabul.

Inside the presidential palace, it's caught the ears of Karzai aides, who privately scolded the would-be comedian for pushing the boundaries of the country's shaky free speech protections.

"President Karzai doesn't care if they make dramas, comedies or cartoons about him," said one presidential aide, who agreed to speak anonymously.

"But freedom of speech should have its limits," the aide said. "I don't think cursing one's wife — or insulting someone's personality — should have a place in freedom of speech."

When the Karzai clip started making the rounds, some people assumed that it was the latest work of Zabiullah, a scrawny 23-year-old who's well known for his impersonations of Karzai.

Zabiullah agreed to meet to discuss the latest impersonation, but then the jittery comedian denied that it was his creation.

"I heard it was a guy at Kabul University who is keeping out of sight," Zabiullah said, sitting in a cramped movie production office in Kabul where he'd just finished recording his latest Karzai impersonation: a 45-second riff on rooting out corruption.

## Officials: 5 Sunni 'Sons of Iraq' killed

By LARA JAKES  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gunmen killed five Sunni security guards — including one by beheading — in a gruesome pre-dawn slaying Tuesday at a village checkpoint in central Iraq, officials said.

The five victims were members of the "Sons of Iraq," or Awakening Councils — a Sunni-dominated security force now on the government payroll that has been targeted in revenge attacks after helping turn the tide against al-Qaida.

Authorities were alerted to the checkpoint in the village of Tal Massoud shortly after the 2 a.m. shooting, said one police official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the attack with the media. The village is about 30 miles north of Baghdad.

The police official described a scene of bullet-riddled bodies littered across the checkpoint. One of the bodies, he said, had been beheaded.

The leader of the village Awakening Council, Awad Sami al-Halbosi, said he also inspected the bodies after the checkpoint shooting.

"The families of the victims were called and asked to take their sons for burial, which was done," al-Halbosi told The Associated Press.

The victims were part of the Sunni tribe of Khazraj. They are the latest example of attacks on "Sahwa," the Arabic word for "Awakening." Some of the force fought U.S. troops as insurgents,



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

U.S. Army soldiers on Tuesday inspect the site of a bombing at a parking lot belonging to a government office in eastern Baghdad.

before tiring of the violence and turning on their former allies, the militant group al-Qaida in Iraq.

The councils have been widely credited with stabilizing Iraq after joining up with U.S. and Iraqi forces in the anti-al-Qaida drive about three years ago. But they have been hit by a steady barrage of revenge attacks since then.

Some also have complained of delayed or missed paychecks after the U.S. military stopped bankrolling the Sahwa last year and turned over the accounts to Iraq's Shiite-led government.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has repeatedly said he would honor the pledge to continue paying them.

The U.S. is seeking to ease some of the group's concerns. The American military also has been monitoring attacks against Awakening leaders — 212 of whom have been killed in the past two years. The U.S. military, which tallied the deaths, blames al-Qaida for the attacks.

In another deadly shooting Tuesday, an Iraqi army intelligence officer was killed in the eastern Baghdad neighborhood

of al-Baladiyat, Iraqi police officials said.

Drive-by shooters targeted Iraqi Army 1st Lt. Wadi Direa Atiyah as he was driving his car, said the officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. Atiyah was wearing civilian clothing at the time.

Tuesday evening, two women were killed and five people were wounded when three mortar rounds landed in al-Baladiyat, a police and a medical official said. Among the wounded was a four-year-old child, they said.

## IN THE STATES

## Key security agencies still without leaders

By EILEEN SULLIVAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two federal agencies charged with keeping potential terrorists off airplanes and out of the country have been without their top leaders for nearly a year.

It took the Obama administration more than eight months to nominate anyone to lead the Transportation Security Administration and the Customs and Border Protection agency.

President Barack Obama has ordered a review of U.S. security policies following the failed Christmas Day attack on a Detroit-bound flight from Amsterdam. He vowed Monday to “do everything that we can to keep America safe.”

The acting heads of the TSA and CBP — both agencies created in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks — will be at the forefront of those efforts.

Bogged down with health care reform, the Senate has yet to set a date to hold hearings for the Customs position. And Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., has placed a hold on the president's choice to head the TSA over the senator's concern that the new leader would let TSA screeners join a labor union. That has some Democrats blaming politics for the vacancy.

“The president is looking for answers on this,” Denis McDonough, chief of staff of the National Security Council told reporters Monday in Hawaii, where Obama is vacationing.

Acting TSA Administrator Gale Rossides is “very able” and “we have a very able team of career professionals at TSA,” McDonough said.

Some Republicans were critical.

“Running a security agency with a revolving door is a recipe for failure,” said Rep. John Mica, R-Fla.

McDonough said officials have begun to assemble information related to watch list procedures and no one has been named to oversee the watch list review.



PAUL MOSELEY, FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/AP

**Evangeline Gabriel checks passengers' tickets and boarding passes before sending them in to the security lines at DFW airport in Terminal D in Fort Worth, Texas, on Monday. Two key federal agencies governing transportation remain without permanent heads.**

McDonough downplayed the situation's significance, although he said “the president is eager to have his TSA head on the job.”

Former U.S. attorney Alan Bersin is nominated to run CBP, and former FBI agent and police detective Erroll Southers is the president's pick for TSA. The current acting commissioner at CBP is planning to retire next month.

On Christmas Day, alleged terrorist Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, a Nigerian who spent time in Yemen, was able to sneak an explosive device aboard his flight from Amsterdam to Detroit, only to be thwarted by the device's failure to work and aggressive action by other passengers.

Abdulmutallab was not on the government's terrorist watch list — though he was on a less sensitive and broader database. He was able to maintain a valid U.S. visa despite warnings about him to U.S. Embassy officials in Nigeria from his father. Those facts are prompting a broad review of the government's terrorist detection efforts.

Meanwhile, Yemen's government said Tuesday the U.S. should have shared its warnings

## Obama: Intelligence failure unacceptable

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — President Barack Obama said Tuesday “a systemic failure” allowed the attempted Christmas Day attack on a Detroit-bound flight from Amsterdam. He called it “totally unacceptable.”

The president said he wants preliminary results by Thursday from two investigations he has ordered to examine the many lapses that occurred.

“There was a mix of human and systemic failures that contributed to this potential catastrophic breach of security,” Obama said.

It will take weeks for a more comprehensive investigation into what allowed a 23-year-old Nigerian carrying explosives onto the flight despite the fact the suspect had possible ties to al-Qaida, Obama said.

“It's essential that we diagnose the problems quickly,” the president said, interrupting his vacation for a second consecutive day to address the incident, with more anger this time directed at flaws in the U.S. system.

The suspect, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, was on one advisory list, but never made it onto more restrictive lists that would have caught the attention

of U.S. counterterrorist screeners, despite his father's warnings to U.S. Embassy officials in Nigeria last month. Those warnings also did not result in Abdulmutallab's U.S. visa being revoked.

On top of that, airport security equipment did not detect the bomb-making devices and materials he allegedly carried on board the Northwest Airlines flight.

Obama said many things went right after the incident, with passengers and the flight crew subduing the man and government officials working quickly to increase security.

about Abdulmutallab and said it was tightening restrictions on student visas like the one that allowed him to enter the country.

Information Minister Hassan al-Lozy confirmed that Abdulmutallab spent two extended periods in Yemen, as recently as

this month, and that authorities were trying to determine what he did during that time.

U.S. officials had warning signs that Abdulmutallab might be a threat. The embassy visit in which Abdulmutallab's father said he was concerned about his

son triggered a Nov. 20 State Department cable from Nigeria to all U.S. diplomatic missions and department headquarters in Washington. It was also shared with the interagency National Counter Terrorism Center, State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said.

## Suspect in bomb attempt wrote online of sadness, conflict

By PHILIP RUCKER  
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The 23-year-old Nigerian man accused of the attempted Christmas Day bombing of an American airliner apparently turned to the Internet for counseling and companionship, writing in an online forum that he was “lonely” and had “never found a true Muslim friend.”

“I have no one to speak too (sic),” read a posting from January 2005, when Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was attending boarding school. “No one to consult, no one to support me and I

feel depressed and lonely. I do not know what to do. And then I think this loneliness leads me to other problems.”

The Washington Post reviewed 300 online postings under the name “farouk1986” (a combination of Abdulmutallab's middle name and birth year). The postings mused openly about love and marriage, his college ambitions and angst over standardized testing, as well as his inner struggle as a devout Muslim between liberalism and extremism.

In often-intimate writings, posted between 2005 and 2007, he sought friends online, through Facebook and in Islamic chat rooms: “My name is Umar but

you can call me Farouk.” He often invited readers to “have your say” and once wrote, “may Allah reward you for reading and reward you more for helping.”

A U.S. government official said late Tuesday that federal intelligence officials were reviewing the online postings but had not independently confirmed their authenticity.

Many of the biographical details in the writings, however, match up with facts already known about Abdulmutallab.

Farouk1986 wrote of being born in 1986 and having attended an elite British boarding school in Togo, where many of his classmates were British expatriates

and students from around West Africa.

The postings also reference visits to London, the United States and other countries, including Egypt and Yemen. Department of Homeland Security officials said Tuesday that Abdulmutallab traveled to the United States in July 2004 to Washington D.C., and in August 2008 to Houston.

Farouk1986 wrote about considering applications to U.S. and British universities, including University College London, where officials said Abdulmutallab enrolled in a mechanical engineering course from September 2005 to June 2008. He also wrote about his family's wealth; Abdul-

mutallab's father, Alhaji Umaru Mutallab, a frequent visitor to the United States, retired earlier this year as chairman of First Bank of Nigeria.

All of the postings are on the Islamic Forum Web site (www.gawaher.com), which uses a commercially available chat-forum software called IP.Board that automatically assigns dates to users' posts as they are created. Many of Farouk1986's postings drew comments from other forum members on the day they were written.

Taken together, the writings demonstrate an acute awareness of Western customs and a worldliness befitting Abdulmutallab's privileged upbringing.



# Travel slowed by tighter security checks

By MARK ABRAMSON  
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Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Airports and airlines in Europe have taken steps — in some cases, drastic measures — to beef up security following last week's thwarted bombing attempt of a Northwest Airlines flight from Amsterdam, Netherlands, to Detroit.

Travelers heading to the U.S. are now asked to check in even earlier before their flights, and can expect to have every piece of carry-on luggage searched.

"We have a 100 percent [carry-on] baggage check [policy]," said Frankfurt International Airport spokeswoman Alisa Cevir.

Officials at London's Heathrow Airport and Venice's Marco Polo International Airport also confirmed that all carry-on baggage is being searched.

Most passengers traveling for the holidays took things in stride.

"It's Christmas as well, so you'd expect some delays," Mary Lecarpentier, 45, who was flying from London to New York for New Year's celebrations, told The Associated Press. "I've only just joined this line and it's fine. I'm nearly there."

Passengers at some European airports were being subjected to multiple security checks. Munich Airport in Bavaria, for example, has installed a second security checkpoint for travelers headed to the U.S.

"It allows us to intensify passenger as well as luggage control," said Martin Schelter, a spokesman for the Upper Bavarian government.

And while Schelter said the increased security has not resulted in delays in Munich, officials at Heathrow are reporting 45-minute delays on flights to the U.S. from London.

"We are advising passengers to check in early for U.S. flights," a BAA airport company spokeswoman at Heathrow said. "They should check with their airline. We are assisting [with security],

and the procedures we have in place are robust."

As a result of the heightened security, travelers heading to the U.S. are being told to arrive three hours before their flight time.

Measures introduced at airports in Asia led to only minor delays, AP reported. At Incheon airport, South Korea's main gateway, passengers and baggage were checked repeatedly in the customs, immigration and quarantine areas at the request of U.S. authorities.

The Associated Press reported security measures also are leaving travelers somewhat confused.

Officials have given scarce details about the restrictions introduced over the weekend, saying they do not want terrorists to know about potential security measures. Many travelers said that, once on board their flights, they were banned from opening overhead bins or visiting the toilets during the last hour of flight. Some passengers said they were asked to remove blankets from their knees, the AP reported.

Airlines have some discretion on whether passengers have to keep their hands visible and can use the restroom during certain parts of the flight. Some airlines are even frisking babies, AP reported.

While European airport officials have increased security measures, none has announced the use of full-body scanners, which some believe would have prevented the alleged bomber, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 23, from getting past security.

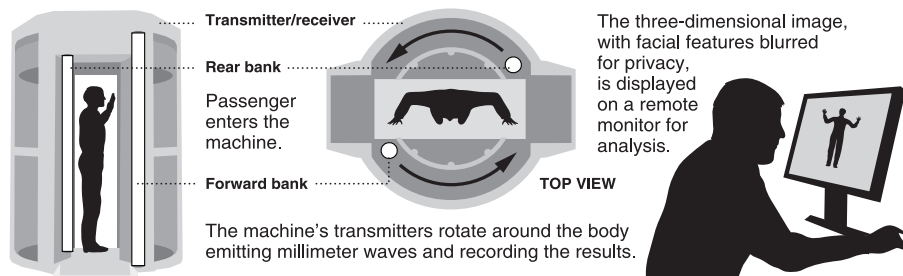
The British Broadcasting Corp. is reporting that Dutch airport authorities want the EU to make passenger scanners mandatory. Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport has 17 of the microwave-security scanners, but their use is voluntary because of privacy concerns, according to the BBC.

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## Airport security technology may spot hidden explosives

Security scanners that use millimeter wave technology transmit radio waves to produce a three-dimensional image based on energy reflected back from the body. The technology has created privacy concerns because it shows the contours of the body with great clarity.

### Millimeter wave imaging technology



SOURCE: Transportation Security Administration

AP

## Privacy concerns hinder scans

By JOELLE TESSLER  
AND ARTHUR MAX  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — High-tech security scanners that might have prevented the Christmas Day attempt to blow up a jetliner have been installed in only a small number of airports worldwide, in large part because of privacy concerns over the way the machines see through clothing.

The body-scanning technology is in at least 19 U.S. airports, while European officials have generally limited it to test runs.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the Nigerian accused of trying to ignite explosives aboard a Northwest Airlines jet as it was coming in for a landing in Detroit, did not go through such a scan where his flight began, at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport.

The full-body scanner "could have been helpful in this case, absolutely," said Evert van Zwol, head of the Dutch Pilots Association.

But the technology has raised significant concerns among privacy watchdogs because it can show the body's contours with embarrassing clarity. Those fears have slowed the introduction of the machines.

Jay Stanley, public education director for the American Civil Liberties Union

Liberties Union's Technology and Liberty Program, said the machines essentially perform "virtual strip searches that see through your clothing and reveal the size and shape of your body."

Abdulmutallab is believed to have had a small bag holding PETN explosive powder, and possibly a liquid detonator.

Because such items won't set off metal detectors, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration, part of the Department of Homeland Security, has begun

installing two types of advanced scanning machines that provide a more detailed picture.

These machines, which can cost six figures each, screen airline passengers without physical contact, revealing plastic or chemical explosives and weapons.

The scanners "provide the best protection for the widest range of threats," said Joe Reiss, vice president of marketing for American Science & Engineering Inc. The company makes machines for prisons, military agencies, foreign customs patrols and other customers but does not have a contract with TSA.

TSA has deployed 40 "millimeter wave" machines, which use radio waves to produce a three-dimensional image based on energy

reflected back from the body.

Six of those machines, which are made by L-3 Communications Holdings Inc., are being used for what TSA calls "primary screenings" at six U.S. airports: Albuquerque, N.M.; Las Vegas; Miami; San Francisco; Salt Lake City; and Tulsa, Okla.

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## IN THE WORLD



## Protests in Iran

Main protests since the disputed election of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in June:

- **June 12, 2009** Ahmadinejad re-elected; thousands of protesters clash with police; defeated opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi calls election a "dangerous charade"
- **June 15-18** Mousavi backers rally; several killed
- **June 19** Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei says protesters responsible for any further bloodshed
- **June 20** Ten protesters killed, including activist Neda Agha-Soltan, attracting world-wide attention
- **June 23** U.S. President Barack Obama denounces crackdown
- **July 17, July 30** More clashes between protesters, police
- **Nov. 4** Police, protesters clash during rally marking 30th anniversary of the takeover of the U.S. Embassy
- **Dec. 19** Senior dissident cleric Grand Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri dies, renewing protests
- **Dec. 23** Islamic militia members reportedly attack the house of a senior pro-reform cleric, Grand Ayatollah Yusuf Sanei
- **Dec. 24** Most memorial services for Montazeri banned
- **Dec. 27** In worst outbreak of violence since June, police battle with protesters in cities across Iran; Mousavi's nephew is among the dead

## Dec. 28 clashes

Cities where protests reportedly broke out



Source: Reuters, BBC, Al Jazeera, ESRI

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## China execution of Brit smuggler draws protests

BY NG HAN GUAN  
The Associated Press

URUMQI, China — China brushed aside international appeals Tuesday and executed by lethal injection a British drug smuggler whose relatives say was mentally unstable and unwittingly lured into crime.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said he was "appalled" at the execution of 53-year-old Akmal Shaikh — China's

first of a European citizen in nearly 60 years. His government summoned the Chinese ambassador in London to express its anger.

China defended its handling of the case, saying there had not been documentary proof Shaikh was mentally ill. Beijing also criticized Brown's comments but said it hoped the case would not harm bilateral relations. The Foreign Ministry called on London not to create any "obstacles" to better ties.

Shaikh's daughter, Leila Horsnell, was quoted by the BBC as saying she was "shocked and disappointed that the execution went ahead with no regards to my dad's mental health problems, and I struggle to understand how this is justice."

The execution is the latest sign of how China's communist government, with its rising global economic and political clout, is increasingly willing to defy Western complaints over its justice system and human rights record.

Last week, a court sentenced the co-author of a political reform manifesto to 11 years in prison in what rights groups called a direct rebuff to international pressure. Diplomats from more than a dozen countries were shut out of Liu Xiaobo's trial on subversion charges. The United States called for his immediate release.

Earlier in the month, China urged Cambodia to interrupt a U.N. refugee screening process and subsequently Phnom Penh re-

patriated 20 ethnic Uighur asylum seekers accused of involvement in ethnic unrest in western China.

Shaikh, a Briton of Pakistani descent, was arrested in 2007 for carrying a suitcase with almost 9 pounds of heroin into China on a flight from Tajikistan. He told Chinese officials he didn't know about the drugs and that the suitcase wasn't his, according to Reprieve, a London-based prisoner advocacy group with his case.

He was convicted in 2008 after a half-hour trial. He first learned he was about to be executed Monday from his visiting cousins, who made a last-minute plea for his life. They say he is mentally unstable and was lured to China from a life on the street in Poland by men playing on his dreams to record a pop song for world peace.

The press office of the Xinjiang region where Shaikh had been held confirmed the execution in a statement handed to journalists.

In his statement issued by the Foreign Office, Brown said he condemned the execution "in the strongest terms, and am appalled and disappointed that our persistent requests for clemency have not been granted."

"I am particularly concerned that no mental health assessment was undertaken," Brown said. The official Xinhua News Agency quoted China's Supreme Court as saying Tuesday that although officials from the British Embassy and a British aid organization called for a mental health examination for Shaikh, "the documents they provided could not prove he had a mental disorder nor did members of his family have a history of mental disease."

The Beijing-based lawyer for Shaikh's death sentence review, Zhang Qingsong, said Tuesday that he never got to meet with Shaikh and that China's highest court never evaluated Shaikh's mental status.

## Iran crackdown expanded as national tension grows

BY NASSER KARIMI  
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian security forces have limited the movements of a leading opposition figure by refusing to protect him when he leaves his home, his son said Tuesday as authorities broadened their crackdown with a new wave of arrests that included the sister of Nobel peace laureate Shirin Ebadi.

Iran's worst internal violence in three decades has grown increasingly violent and bitter in the wake of clashes Sunday that left at least eight people dead. Security forces also arrested a relative of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi on Tuesday, while government supporters held rallies in at least three cities.

Iran accused the U.S. and Britain of fomenting the violence, threatening to "slap" Britain as it summoned the British ambassador to an urgent meeting.

The son of leading opposition figure Mahdi Karroubi told The Associated Press by telephone that guards assigned to his father by Iranian police stopped on Monday providing security for him when he goes out, apparently under police orders. Police have for years provided leading opposition figures with security.

Taghi Karroubi said the measure means his father cannot go outside safely, calling it a "quasi-house arrest." If Karroubi does go out unprotected he risks attack by hard-line government supporters. His car was attacked on



REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/AP

**Demonstrators gather near the Iranian Embassy in Paris on Monday as part of a protest against the Iranian government.**

Saturday when he went out, and the assailants shattered his front windshield.

Karroubi and opposition leader Mousavi were the two defeated reformist candidates in the disputed June 12 presidential election, which set off the worst unrest in Iran since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The new arrests, along with tough criticism of the U.S. and Britain, added to rising tensions with the West, which is threat-

## Report: Iran wants to smuggle uranium

VIENNA — Diplomats are concerned about an intelligence report that says Iran is trying to import 1,350 tons of purified uranium ore from Kazakhstan in violation of U.N. Security Council sanctions.

Such a deal would be significant because Tehran appears to be running out of that material, which it needs to feed its uranium enrichment program.

A summary of the report obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday said the deal could be completed within weeks. It said Tehran was willing to pay \$450 million for the shipment.

From The Associated Press

ening to impose tough new sanctions over Iran's suspect nuclear program and has criticized the violent crackdown on anti-government protesters.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad shrugged off Sunday's protests as "a play ordered by Zionists and Americans" and criticized President Barack Obama and Britain for allegedly supporting the protesters.

There was no serious violence reported Tuesday.

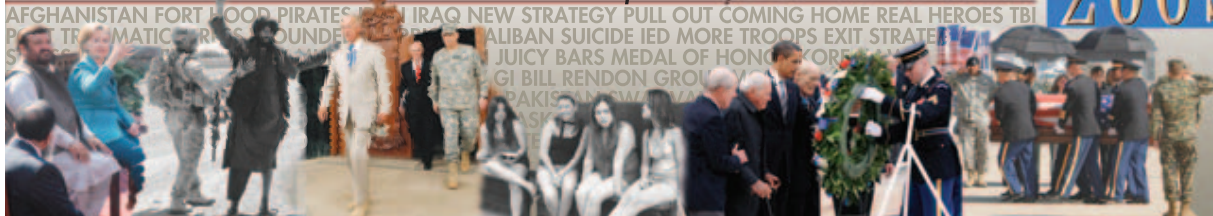
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## FACES

# 'Survivor' winner: Quitting job was a gamble

The winner of the CBS reality television show "Survivor: Samoa" says she took a huge gamble by quitting her job to be on the show.

The gamble paid off earlier this month for 26-year-old Natalie White of Van Buren, Ark., when it was revealed she won the competition and \$1 million prize.

White had worked as a saleswoman for Teva Pharmaceuticals USA for about 15 months. She told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette in Tuesday editions that she loved the job, but appearing on the show was a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" and she would have been crazy not to take it.

White says she still has the check and plans to hire an accountant but otherwise doesn't know what's in her future.

She says she plans to stay in Arkansas for now while waiting to see what opportunities may arise.

— The Associated Press

## Police: Ivana Trump taken off plane

Police say Ivana Trump has been escorted off a plane in Florida after she became belligerent when children were running and screaming in the aisles. Authorities say the first ex-wife of billionaire Donald Trump cussed at the children Saturday, and when flight attendants on the New York-bound plane tried to calm her, she became even more aggravated. Palm Beach County sheriff's deputies asked Trump to voluntarily exit the plane, but they said she refused. She was then escorted off. She has not been charged in the incident at Palm

Beach International Airport.

Her spokeswoman, Catherine Saxton, did not immediately return a telephone message.

— The Associated Press

## Jon Gosselin's NYC apartment trashed

Jon Gosselin's apartment was ransacked by someone who slashed furniture, stole his TV and left a note pinned to his dresser with a butcher knife while he visited his children for Christmas, his lawyer said Sunday. The reality show star was "devastated" by the destruction he found when he returned Saturday from Pennsylvania, attorney Mark Jay Heller said in a statement. Gosselin's clothes, bed and other furniture were cut up, and a family-heirloom vase was shattered, Heller said. His TV, other electronics and his dishes were taken by a "very troubled and sick perpetrator," Heller said. He wouldn't disclose who signed the note or what it said, adding that police were examining it. Police declined to comment.

— The Associated Press

## And Kate wants to dance

"Jon & Kate Plus 8" may be officially over — as is Jon and Kate's marriage — but you can bet we haven't seen the last of the fame-loving Gosselins. Kate went public with her desire to compete on "Dancing With the Stars" during her recent appearance on "The

Jay Leno Show." (Given NBC's history of blocking its competitors on its airwaves — "Glee," anyone? — we're kind of surprised the mention of ABC's smash hit didn't get edited out.)

— Pamela Sitt/Film.com

## Winehouse charged

Singer Amy Winehouse was charged last Wednesday in connection with an assault at a theater, police said.

The 26-year-old soul diva was arrested after she went to a police station with her lawyer, Thames Valley Police said in a statement. She was charged with a public order offense and common assault following a Dec. 19 incident at Milton Keynes Theater, police said. Winehouse is free on bail and is scheduled to be in court on Jan. 20.

British media have reported that the singer allegedly struggled with a member of the theater's staff after heckling at a performance.

— The Associated Press

## Brother: Simon Cowell to leave 'Idol' next year

Simon Cowell's brother says the next season of "American Idol" will be the judge's last.

Tony Cowell said in his weekly podcast, "The Cowell Factor," that a statement was being prepared that would certify that the acerbic British judge was leaving the popular Fox singing competition at the end of 2010. Simon Cowell will concentrate on bringing his popular U.K. talent show "The X Factor" to the U.S. next year, his brother said on the Saturday podcast, which has since been removed.

"Meanwhile, Simon prepares for a new



MONTY BRINTON, CBS/AP

**Natalie White, an out-of-work pharmaceuticals saleswoman, was the winner of the CBS reality television show "Survivor: Samoa."**

season of 'Idol,' or should I say, his last season of 'Idol,'" Cowell's older brother said. "A press statement is being prepared which will confirm what everybody expected: Simon will leave 'Idol' at the end of 2010 to concentrate on bringing the American version of 'X Factor' to U.S. TV in 2011."

The 50-year-old Cowell has been with "American Idol" since the series debuted in 2002. His contract ends after the upcoming ninth season, which begins Jan. 12 in the States and Jan. 13 on American Forces Network.

A Fox spokeswoman had no comment about the report. Messages left for Cowell's spokesman were not immediately returned.

— The Associated Press

## Hot dish

Movie producer and actor Tyler Perry says he is taking his sharp-tongued character "Madea" back on tour. Perry says he will begin touring with his new play, "Madea's Big Happy Family," starring the iron-willed Southern matriarch he portrays in a wig and padded suit. The first leg of the tour begins Jan. 4 in El Paso, Texas, then goes on to Phoenix, San Diego, Seattle and Portland, Ore.

Country singer Jimmy Wayne is set to begin a charity walk for the homeless, leaving Nashville, Tenn., on New Year's Day to cross two-thirds of the country in the depths of winter. Wayne says he was occasionally homeless as a child and hopes to raise money for HomeBase Youth services, an Arizona-based charity that helps struggling young adults who leave the foster care system with few resources.

The rapper Nelly is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the man who broke into his suburban St. Louis home this month. CrimeStoppers announced the reward on Monday. Someone forced his way through a locked window at Nelly's Wildwood home in the early hours of Dec. 11 and got away with a duffel bag full of items that included electronics and other goods.

— The Associated Press

# Tyra Banks to end her talk show

Tyra Banks is pulling the plug on her talk show. The former model says the syndicated "The Tyra Show" will end after its fifth season. Banks says she's sticking with the reality show "America's Next Top Model" and is forming a new production studio with plans to make movies. She also promised new digital projects, but wouldn't give details.

About her own show, Banks told fans: "I've been loving having fun, coming into your living rooms, bedrooms, hair salons for the past five years."

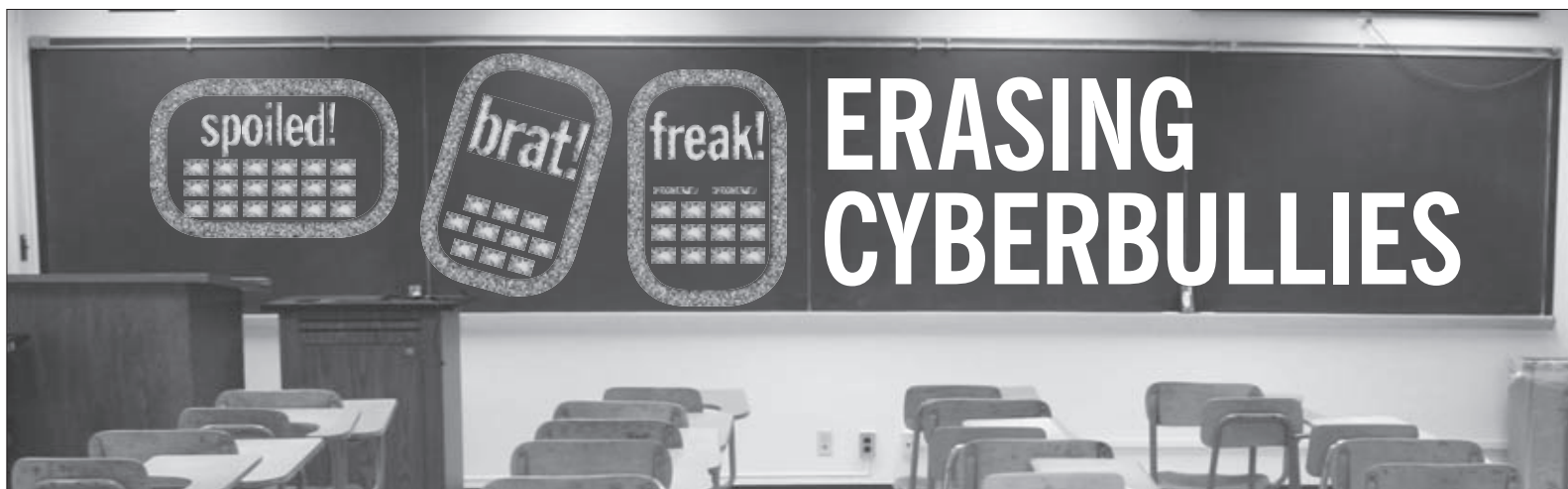
— The Associated Press



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## WIRED WORLD



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# Schools search for constitutional tools in the age of digital harassment

By VICTORIA KIM  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — One morning in May, 2008, an eighth-grader walked into Janice Hart's office at a Beverly Hills middle school crying.

She was upset and humiliated and couldn't possibly go to class, the girl told the counselor. The night before, a classmate had posted a video on YouTube with a group of other eighth graders bad-mouthing her, calling her "spoiled," a "brat" and a "slut." Text and instant messages had been flying since. Half the class must have seen it by now, the girl told Hart.

Hart took the problem to the school's vice principal and principal, who took it to a district administrator, who asked the district's lawyers what they could do about it. In the end, citing "cyberbullying" concerns, school officials suspended the girl who posted the video for two days. That student took the case to federal court, saying her free speech rights were violated.

Last month, a U.S. District judge in Los Angeles sided with the poster, saying the school went too far. Amid rising concerns over cyberbullying, and even calls for criminalization, some courts, parents and free speech advocates are pushing back — students, they say, have a First Amendment right to be nasty in cyberspace.

"To allow the school to cast this wide a net and suspend a student simply because another student takes offense to their speech, without any evidence that such speech caused a substantial disruption of the school's activities, runs afoul [of the law]," judge Stephen V. Wilson wrote in a 60-page opinion.

"The court cannot uphold school discipline of student speech simply because young persons are unpredictable or im-

mature, or because, in general, teenagers are emotionally fragile and may often fight over hurtful comments," he wrote.

Schools' ability to limit student speech is an age-old issue that has been repeatedly tried and tested in the courts, from arm-bands protesting the Vietnam war to banners promoting marijuana use. But with teens' social lives moving increasingly to cyberspace, where what previously might have been a private bickering is reproduced, publicized and documented for all to see, school officials find themselves on unfamiliar grounds in dealing with e-mails, instant messages, profile pages, videos and the like that may result in hurt feelings or something more serious.

Free speech advocates said the notoriety of recent highly publicized cases, such as the Missouri girl who committed suicide after a mean-spirited MySpace message, have led to schools overreacting and excessively cracking down on student expression when it comes to the Internet.

"It's better have a lawsuit and lose some money than have a situation where a student commits suicide," said Eugene Volokh, a First Amendment expert and law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, who has criticized a bill in Congress that would make cyberbullying punishable by as long as two years in prison.

"People don't appreciate how much the First Amendment protects not only political and ideological speech, but also personal nastiness and chatter. ... If all cruel teasing led to suicide, the human race would be extinct."

The murkiness of this area of law and educational policy has led to legal challenges across the country over school officials' restriction or discipline of student speech.

Attorneys and experts said court decisions have been "all over the map" on such

cases, offering little clarity to confused school administrators. The U.S. Supreme Court has yet to take up a case involving student speech online; the governing decision is from the 1969 *Tinker v. Des Moines School District* case, which held that student speech could not be limited unless it causes substantial disruption on campus.

"We're in a rapidly evolving area of law with relatively few guidelines and remarkably little that has been charted," said Robert O'Neil, director of the Virginia-based Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression.

O'Neil said when a true threat is made, and when the speech is made using school computers, schools have a clear authority to regulate their students' speech. But when something falls in the gray area between an expressed threat and benign teasing, and students are accessing the Internet outside the school's walls, administrators are faced with a tricky calculus.

In Pennsylvania, a student sued his school district after he was suspended for 10 days and placed in an alternative education program for creating what he claimed was a parody MySpace profile of the school principal. On the Web site, the student referred to the principal as a "big steroid freak," and a "big whore," among other things.

District Court Judge Terrence McVerry found that even though the profile was unquestionably "lewd, profane and sexually inappropriate," the school did not have the right to restrict the student's speech because school officials were not able to establish that the profile caused enough of a disruption on campus.

Witold Walczak, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney who argued the case, said censoring is often the "easy way out" for schools that want to be able to say they did something about the situation rather

than stand by and watch.

The school district has appealed the decision to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, where a decision is pending.

In Florida, the ACLU sued a principal on behalf of a student who was suspended and removed from her honors class for cyberbullying. Katie Evans had created a Facebook page criticizing an English teacher as "the worst teacher I've ever met" and invited others to express their "feelings of hatred."

Her attorney, Matthew Bavaro, said the reach of the Web was irrelevant to whether a student is allowed to express themselves freely.

"The audience, whether it's one person or 1 billion people, doesn't change that Katie still had a First Amendment right," Bavaro said.

In the Beverly Hills case, the student argued in her lawsuit that her speech was entirely off campus and off-limits for the school administrators to regulate. The video, in which a group of friends is chatting at a restaurant, could not even be viewed at school, her attorney contended.

Judge Wilson ruled the chatter in the video did not rise to a level that it would cause enough disruption at the school warrant the discipline.

"The fear that students would 'gossip' or 'pass notes' in class simply does not rise to the level of a substantial disruption," he wrote.

The plaintiff's attorney, Evan Cohen, who is also the student's father, said the case highlighted the school district's failure to realize the limits of their authority.

"Yeah, sure, they can fall back on cyberbullying, but when you actually ask them questions and dig down deep into their understanding, they think it's OK for them to be a super-parent," he said.

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## YOUR MONEY

## Mortgage rates trending upward in recent weeks

BY DINA ELBOGHADY

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—After hitting an all-time low in early December, the average rate on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage rose to 5.05 percent last week and could climb to 6 percent by the end of 2010, if not sooner, according to giant mortgage financier Freddie Mac.

The results are noteworthy because rates have not topped 5 percent since the last week of October, when they reached 5.03 percent, based on the results of this closely watched survey, which polls lenders during the first three days of every week.

Many firms regularly track interest rates and come up with slightly different numbers because they survey different lenders at different times of the day or week. But several have reported the upward trend in recent weeks. They attribute it in part to the effects of the holiday season, when demand for buying and refinancing homes dies down and financial markets coast through the end of the year.

"However, this is also a glimpse of what we're going to see in 2010," said Greg McBride, a senior financial analyst at Bankrate.com, a personal finance Web site.

The key catalyst for interest rates going forward will be the end of a Federal Reserve program that buys a sizable chunk of mortgage-backed securities issued by firms such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. That program succeeded in immediately pushing mortgage rates well below the 6 percent mark when it was announced last year.

But the Fed has committed to winding down the program by

March. The central bank is betting that by gradually tapering its purchases, private buyers of mortgage-backed securities, who have largely been absent from the market, will return and rates won't rise much.

But Amy Crews Cutts, deputy chief economist at Freddie Mac, said interest rates are bound to rise to 6 percent by the end of 2010 because private buyers will demand a higher rate of return on the securities than the Fed did. Lenders may have to raise the rates they charge to consumers in order to make that happen.

"Extraordinary resources have been put into keeping the rates down and supporting the mortgage markets and it's hard to imagine that the rates can go much lower than they are," Crews Cutts said. "Anything we get at or below 5 percent is a gift at this point."

Last week's Freddie Mac survey found that the 5.05 percent average on 30-year fixed-rate loans (with an average 0.7 point) was up from 4.94 percent the previous week but down from 5.14 percent at the same time last year.

Anyone who can secure a loan should not wait much longer, especially if they are looking to refinance, McBride said. Homeowners are more sensitive to interest rates when they refinance than when they buy a home.

"The difference between 5 percent and 5.5 percent could mean the difference between refinancing or not," he said.

But the interest rate is less critical to people who want to buy a home, McBride said.

The general rule of thumb is that your monthly mortgage payment (property taxes and insurance included) should not exceed 28 percent of gross pay. All your loans combined — mortgage, car, credit card, student debt — should not exceed 36 percent.



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## Tips on how to keep your 2010 money resolutions

BY DAVID PITT

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — New behaviors like saving more and spending less are carrying over into the new year. At least that's the best intention of many consumers making financial resolutions for 2010.

A couple of recent surveys indicate a majority of respondents want to manage their money better next year. One of the highest goals in a recent survey by online brokerage firm TD Ameritrade was starting or adding to a retirement savings account.

"Perhaps we're seeing signs of the lessons learned from a struggling economy," said Diane Young, the company's director of retirement and goal planning.

The recession led many investors to retreat to the sidelines and

for some next year's goal is simply to put their money back to work.

If you're among the masses who are planning to make investing, saving or managing money a financial resolution, keep in mind these five tips that should help you succeed:

## 1 Set a well-defined goal.

For example, you may have a goal to start an emergency fund. Figure out how much it would take to pay your household necessities for three months or six months, whatever cushion you determine would give you peace of mind. Then start setting aside enough from each paycheck to reach your goal.

## 2 Budget for it.

Allocate money every month to your financial resolutions, and trim expenses that may be keeping you from reaching your goals. Budgeting tools are available online. Mint.com offers a useful free tool at [www.mint.com/budget](http://www.mint.com/budget).

## 3 Pay yourself first.

Consider using automatic payroll deduction or a monthly deduction from your checking or savings account.

View your savings as a bill that you need to pay like any other. Giving it a higher priority will ensure that it builds over time.

## 4 Keep your list short.

Too many resolutions will lead to frustration and you'll give up. A list of three to five goals can optimize your momentum.

## 5 Make it personal.

Create a list by thinking about what worries you, the things that keep you up at night. Accomplishing these tasks will clearly remove some stress. Don't just set a goal because it's what you think you're supposed to do. A goal can also be something that excites you, perhaps a European vacation or saving for a down payment on a house or a car.

It's one thing to make a resolution about money, quite another to keep it. The TD Ameritrade survey showed 60 percent of resolution makers last year are resolution keepers.

That means a lot of us fail. Psychotherapist Judith Barr says for many, annual resolutions are not all that serious. In many ways, New Year's resolutions have become a joke, she said.

If you're serious about making a change next year, whether it's to lose weight, quit smoking or fix your finances, you need to make a promise to do it no matter what obstacles surface.

"Make a commitment that's solid and know every step of the way that things will come up," said Barr, who practices in Brookfield, Conn., and is the author of "Power Abused, Power Healed." "We need to learn not to use them as justification to break the commitment, but to explore them."

One thing is clear in the current economic downturn: People are determined not to get stuck in another economic downturn without enough knowledge to make informed decisions.

More than 80 percent of participants in a recent Fidelity Investments survey said they are likely to learn more about financial topics in 2010. The two most mentioned are setting financial goals and saving for retirement.

Perhaps most important, nearly 90 percent said 2009's economic events will give them impetus to stick with their resolutions.

## EXCHANGE RATES

## Military rates

Japanese yen (Dec. 30).....	89.00
South Korean won (Dec. 30).....	1,142.00
Euro costs (Dec. 30).....	\$1.4808
Dollar buys (Dec. 30).....	€ 0.6753
British pound (Dec. 30).....	\$1.64

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British pound.....	\$1.6009
Canada (Dollar).....	1.0391
China (Yuan).....	6.8304
Denmark (Krone).....	5.1600
Egypt (Pound).....	5.5100
Euro.....	\$1.4428/0.6931
Hong Kong (Dollar).....	7.7551
Hungary (Forint).....	188.68
Israel (Shekel).....	3.7895
Japan (Yen).....	91.77
Kuwait (Dinar).....	0.2868
Norway (Krone).....	5.7804
Philippines (Peso).....	46.18
Poland (Zloty).....	2.87
Saudi Arabia (Riyal).....	3.7520
Singapore (Dollar).....	1.4027
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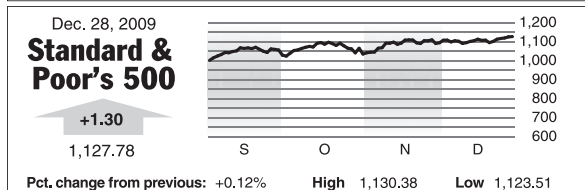
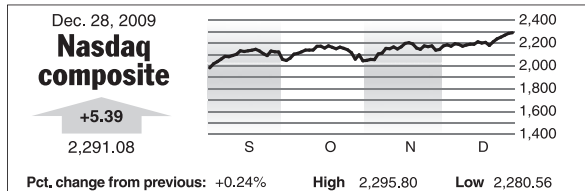
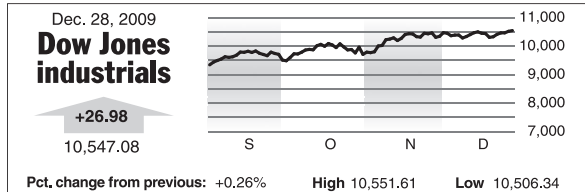
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## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate.....	3.25
Discount rate.....	0.50
Federal funds market rate.....	0.00-0.25
3-month bill.....	0.03
30-year bond.....	4.68

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

## A DAY ON WALL STREET



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# 2 ships hijacked in 1 day off Somalia

The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Striking into the heavily patrolled Gulf of Aden, Somali pirates seized a British-flagged chemical tanker — the first merchant vessel to be hijacked there in nearly six months, the same day that a ship was taken by brigands in the Indian Ocean, officials said Tuesday.

The double hijacking late Monday shows that, a year after an international naval armada began deploying off Somalia to protect shipping, piracy remains a problem.

Cmdr. John Harbour, the spokesman for the European Union's anti-piracy force, said

the seizures were likely only a coincidence and not coordinated because several pirate bands operate in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden.

"Most of the time we are able to disrupt them, but sadly they were successful taking two ships at once. It's not the first time they've taken two ships at once," Harbour said.

EU officials believe about 1,000 Somalis are involved in the piracy trade. Somali pirates have hijacked more than 80 ships in the past two years, with many of the hijackings earning the pirates multimillion-dollar ransoms.

Resolving the hijacking of the

British-flagged tanker could be complicated because the crew is comprised of nine nationalities, Harbour said.

With the latest hijackings, pirates now hold 12 vessels and 263 crewmembers, said Noel Choong, who heads the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

A top official from Somalia's weak, U.N.-backed government urged the international community to pursue pirates in their havens on land.

"We have reiterated so many times that pursuing pirates on land is crucial to any military re-

sponse," said Somali Information Minister Dahir Gelle.

Lt. Cmdr. Corey Barker of the U.S. 5th Fleet in Bahrain said the guided missile cruiser USS Chosin responded to the alarm from the British tanker, the St. James Park, but that it came after pirates had already taken control of the ship.

"The first indication we got that the ship was pirated was that alert beacon," Barker said. "It's basically a panic button, a silent alarm."

Barker said the Chosin, the flagship for a U.S.-led anti-piracy task force in the region, was the nearest coalition ship to the Brit-

## Vessels seized

Somali pirates seized two Western commercial vessels off the coast of Somalia on Monday.



SOURCES: International Maritime Bureau

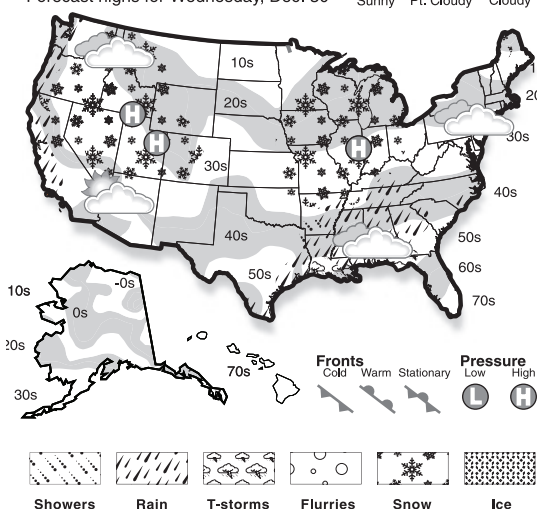
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ish vessel. He estimated it was about 25 to 30 minutes away when the distress call came in.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Dec. 30



### Wet weather hits Western and Mid-U.S.

A Pacific storm will bring another dose of rain and mountain snow from the West Coast to the Intermountain West as it treks inland. Meanwhile, a front from the North and impulses from the West bring cold and wet weather to Midwest and Southeast.

Weather Underground • AP

### Tuesday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Amsterdam	45	28	rn	La Paz	58	41	rn
Athens	64	51	rn	Lima	79	67	pc
Auckland	75	66	pc	Lisbon	66	60	rn
Baghdad	67	46	clr	London	42	30	clr
Basra	61	51	pc	Madrid	50	39	sn
Bahrain	72	63	clr	Managua	91	73	clr
Bangkok	92	77	pc	Manila	86	75	pc
Barbados	86	78	rn	Mecca	95	69	clr
Barcelona	56	43	rn	Melbourne	77	59	pc
Beijing	26	6	clr	Mexico City	68	39	clr
Beirut	70	56	pc	Montevideo	77	69	pc
Belgrade	46	32	rn	Montreal	31	28	sn
Berlin	37	30	sn	Moscow	32	17	sn
Bermuda	71	66	rn	Nairobi	75	60	rn
Bogota	68	39	rn	Nassau	82	66	rn
Brasilia	78	66	rn	New Delhi	68	44	clr
Brisbane	82	73	rn	Nice	50	42	rn
Brussels	41	32	rn	Osaka	50	39	rn
Bucharest	39	33	sn	Oslo	16	3	sn
Budapest	44	32	pc	Panama	91	75	clr
Buenos Aires	78	73	rn	Paris	42	33	cdy
Cairo	77	56	cdy	Perth	104	62	cdy
Calgary	28	5	clr	Prague	39	27	clr
Caracas	86	73	clr	Rio de Janeiro	87	77	rn
Colombo	86	73	clr	Rome	51	37	rn
Copenhagen	38	30	rn	San Jose	82	64	pc
Dhahran	76	51	clr	San Juan	86	76	clr
Dhaka	75	59	clr	San Salvador	87	64	clr
Dili	87	74	cdy	Santiago	78	50	pc
Dubai	75	63	clr	Sao Paulo	79	68	rn
Dublin	39	24	rn	Sapporo	40	27	sn
Frankfurt	40	28	rn	Seoul	23	5	clr
Geneva	37	31	sn	Singapore	84	77	rn
Guatemala	73	59	pc	Sofia	42	30	sn
Hanoi	67	55	rn	Stockholm	35	23	sn
Harare	82	62	pc	Sydney	71	68	rn
Havana	80	64	rn	Taipei	55	51	rn
Helsinki	33	11	sn	Tegucigalpa	80	62	pc
HongKong	58	49	rn	Tehran	55	39	clr
Islamabad	65	35	clr	Tel Aviv	76	48	pc
Istanbul	62	44	rn	Tokyo	57	44	rn
Jakarta	88	75	rn	Turin	42	26	pc
Jerusalem	76	48	pc	Toronto	30	14	sn
Johannesburg	75	59	rn	Tunis	69	47	pc
Kabul	48	30	pc	Valletta	61	55	pc
Kiev	34	30	sn	Vancouver	39	24	rn
Kuala Lumpur	91	75	rn	Vienna	45	29	pc
Kuwait	69	51	clr	Warsaw	33	26	sn
				Zurich	39	30	sn

## THURSDAY'S FORECAST



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Wednesday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Abilene, Tex	48	31	Cldy	Casper	28	13	PCldy	Erie	28	16	Cldy	Jacksonville	63	36	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	29	11	PCldy	Charleston, S.C.	55	29	Cldy	Eugene	44	36	Rain	Juneau	28	19	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	24	05	PCldy	Charlotte, N.C.	46	24	Cldy	Fairbanks	05	-16	Cldy	Kansas City	32	21	Snow
Albuquerque	44	25	Cldy	Chattanooga	48	29	Cldy	Fargo	17	04	Cldy	Key West	74	61	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	32	13	PCldy	Cheyanne	32	18	Cldy	Flagstaff	34	16	Cldy	Knoxville	48	22	Cldy
Amarillo	44	25	PCldy	Chicago	29	11	Snow	Flint	29	16	Cldy	Lake Charles	60	43	Rain
Anchorage	17	16	Clr	Cincinnati	39	22	Cldy	Fort Smith	40	31	Cldy	Lansing	30	17	Cldy
Asheville	43	21	Cldy	Cleveland	30	14	PCldy	Fort Wayne	31	12	Cldy	Las Vegas	56	37	Cldy
Atlanta	49	32	Cldy	Colorado Springs	38	19	Cldy	Fresno	52	46	Cldy	Lexington	42	26	Cldy
Atlantic City	36	20	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	50	26	Cldy	Goodland	37	19	Cldy	Lincoln	41	31	Cldy
Austin	59	35	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	55	31	Cldy	Grand Junction	28	10	Cldy	Little Rock	41	31	Cldy
Baltimore	35	20	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	36	19	Cldy	Grand Rapids	30	16	Cldy	Los Angeles	62	51	Cldy
Baton Rouge	61	42	Rain	Concord, N.H.	19	05	Clr	Great Falls	22	09	Cldy	Louisville	41	28	Cldy
Billings	25	14	Cldy	Corpus Christi	58	43	Cldy	Green Bay	27	04	Cldy	Lubbock	45	23	PCldy
Birmingham	50	34	Rain	Dallas-Ft Worth	49	32	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	41	23	Cldy	Macon	55	28	Cldy
Bismarck	17	02	Cldy	Dayton	35	18	Cldy	Harrisburg	34	20	Cldy	Madison	27	05	Snow
Boise	35	27	Snow	Daytona Beach	68	43	Cldy	Hartford Spgflld	27	07	Clr	Medford	45	34	Rain
Boston	26	10	Clr	Denver	38	16	Cldy	Helena	19	06	Cldy	Memphis	41	34	Rain
Bridgeport	31	12	PCldy	Des Moines	28	16	Snow	Honolulu	80	69	PCldy	Miami Beach	75	58	PCldy
Brownsville	58	48	Rain	Detroit	30	17	Cldy	Houston	52	42	Rain	Midland-Odessa	47	24	Cldy
Buffalo	31	14	Cldy	Duluth	22	07	Cldy	Huntsville	47	30	Cldy	Milwaukee	30	13	Snow
Burlington, Vt.	18	00	PCldy	El Paso	51	31	PCldy	Indianapolis	35	20	Cldy	Mpls-St Paul	23	08	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	06	-04	Snow	Elkins	35	15	PCldy	Jackson, Miss.	55	37	Rain	Missoula	29	17	Snow
												Mobile	59	38	Rain
												Montgomery	54	32	Snow
												Nashville	48	29	Cldy
												New Orleans	65	47	Rain
												New York City	34	17	PCldy
												Newark	33	16	PCldy
												Norfolk, Va.	41	27	PCldy
												North Platte	31	10	Cldy
												Oklahoma City	40	27	Cldy
												Omaha	27	15	Snow
												Orlando	72	43	PCldy
												Paducah	39	28	Cldy
												Pendleton	36	26	Cldy
												Peoria	30	16	Snow
												Philadelphia	34	17	PCldy
												Phoenix	63	42	PCldy
												Pittsburgh	37	19	Cldy
												Pocatello	30	17	Cldy
												Portland, Maine	19	04	PCldy
												Portland, Ore.	44	35	Rain
												Providence	27	10	Cldy
												Pueblo	43	14	Cldy
												Raleigh-Durham	44	23	Cldy
												Rapid City	31	15	Cldy
												Reino	37	26	Cldy
												Richmond	40	19	PCldy
												Roanoke	38	21	Cldy
												Rochester	32	12	Cldy
												Rockford	29	09	Snow
												Sacramento	52	41	Rain
												St Louis	35	25	Snow
												St Petersburg	66	49	PCldy
												St Thomas	85	75	Clr
												Salem, Ore.	45	36	Rain
												Salt Lake City	30	18	Snow
												San Angelo	49	31	Cldy
												San Antonio	59	36	Cldy
												San Diego	61	48	Cldy
												San Francisco	54	49	Rain
												San Jose	56	46	Rain
												Santa Fe	37	19	Cldy
												St Ste Marie	30	12	Cldy
												Savannah	56	32	Cldy
												Seattle	46	39	Rain
												Shreveport	46	36	Rain
												Sioux City	25	16	Cldy
												Sioux Falls	18	10	Cldy
												South Bend	29	12	Cldy
												Spokane	30	24	Snow

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

## Call for clean shows applauded

I applaud the writer of "Clean USO shows preferred" (letter, Dec. 28), regarding the foul entertainment that often has to be endured among servicemembers.

Unfortunately, I suspect he will get a lot of negative comments about his suggestion that entertainers and soldiers clean up their acts. I have had to endure pressure to tolerate foul and embarrassing language among servicemembers. On a plane ride over here, I had to publicly announce that there will be no more foul language and

crude talk, because I was embarrassed that our civilian crew would have to endure the kind of language and foul talk [heard] on the bus ride to the airport. Unfortunately again, when a suggestion is made to clean it up, I usually hear comments like, "What do you expect, this is the Army" and, "They won't mind, they know we are in the Army."

I work in the corrections industry in my civilian job. I endure far less exposure to the constant barrage of foul language among that crowd. I have approximately 18 years of military service and I have had two breaks of service during those years. I moved forward with those breaks in service in part because I frequently grow weary of the offensive environment I am typically expected to endure. When it is pointed out, I get shrugged shoulders and looks of innocence like nothing is really wrong.

Good for the letter writer. I hope it gets cleaned up before servicemembers who take the Army values seriously feel they have to leave the military to live them in their entirety.

First Lt. Leif H. Sorensen  
Forward Operating Base Falcon, Iraq

## Walk away from shows

I understand some people get offended by certain words and how they are used, and I respect that ("Clean USO shows preferred" (letter, Dec. 28)). I also respect that people have the right to their own opinion. That is one thing that is great about being an American — freedom of speech, a constitutional right that we soldiers defend.

We also have the right to walk away

from things we are not required to go to. It would be different if we were ordered to go to United Service Organizations shows and then were subjected to something that went against what we believed in.

We defend freedom of speech, as this soldier did when he wrote his opinion. Now that the speech being used to entertain soldiers is not to his liking, he wants to censor it?

The USO should not stop bringing entertainers like this over here for the soldiers. It is as much a right for me to be entertained by these people. I enjoyed this performer's (Dave Attell's) entertainment.

As a possible compromise to shows like this, they could start by saying the show has material that may offend some, and those not wanting to be entertained in this manner can exercise their right to leave.

Staff Sgt. Tatanisha Hurst  
Camp Victory, Iraq

## He could have left the show

The writer of "Clean USO shows preferred" (letter, Dec. 28) states he does not like profanity. What the writer didn't state was how big the ball and chain was that kept him there to watch it. I suggest he walk away from something he doesn't like.

I personally would've enjoyed a comedy show from Dave Attell. We at Joint Security Station Istiqlal do not get opportunities for shows like that. The writer should be grateful for what the United Service Organizations can provide. I enjoy my care packages, do you?

Spc. Christopher Stull  
Joint Security Station Istiqlal, Iraq

## Seize opportunity to reduce smoking

## Philadelphia Inquirer editorial

The nation's battle against smoking and its many health-related perils has had more ups and downs than a patient's fever chart: Tobacco revenues go up, but government spending on anti-smoking programs declines, as smoking rates creep up.

The challenge is to drive those numbers in the right direction to improve public health.

But on the heels of the first reported increase in smoking in a decade — driven mostly by younger smokers — comes a study documenting that states see the benefits of anti-smoking programs and are trying to maintain funding.

Pennsylvania unfortunately was singled out as one of the states making large cuts last year in anti-smoking efforts amid the budget crisis, according to the study, done for the American Heart Association and other health advocacy groups.

That's the wrong path to take on such a key public-health issue, especially at a time of record revenues from tobacco taxes and continuing payouts from the 1998 tobacco settlement. Moreover, the growing number

of states with indoor smoking bans provides a golden opportunity to piggyback anti-smoking efforts so that more people quit.

Just under 21 percent of all adults smoke, representing about 46 million people. That's up from nearly 20 percent in 2007.

So it's at least good news that one New England state serving as a testing ground for the near-universal health care being debated in Congress is documenting remarkable success in cutting smoking by its poorest residents. By providing low-cost smoking-cessation treatments to Medicaid recipients, Massachusetts health officials cut smoking rates in this population by more than 25 percent.

The steep drop from 38 percent of poor Massachusetts residents smoking to about 28 percent last year — representing 30,000 fewer smokers — is impressive proof that concerted anti-smoking efforts can have a big payoff.

A few states offer Medicaid recipients stop-smoking benefits; good to see Pennsylvania among them. But so far only Massachusetts officials report such an impressive drop in smoking among Medicaid recipients.

The state offers low-income smokers up to six months of counseling and access to smoking-cessation medications. That sort of aggressive approach may account for their success.

Among smokers in general, their cessation efforts frequently fail the first few times. As the old joke goes, quitting must be easy since so many smokers have done it over and over again.

With more teens and young adults acquiring the deadly habit every year — in large part, due to the industry's \$12.5 billion annual ad budget — the price of slacking off on anti-smoking efforts is steep. Some 440,000 Americans die annually from smoking-related illnesses, a toll in human suffering as well as a drag on the nation's economic prospects with associated health care costs and lost productivity.

As Congress looks for ways to tame health costs, it would be wise to include new Medicaid coverage for anti-smoking efforts. Meanwhile, state health officials would be smart to replicate the Massachusetts effort by extending stop-smoking initiatives to as many citizens as possible.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU





## OPINION

## To our detriment, politics affects no-fly list

BY GABRIEL SCHOENFELD

The case of the alleged Christmas bomber, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, is being called a massive intelligence failure. And the evidence thus far does suggest a possible lapse in the government's management of terrorist watch lists.

But if so, the blame doesn't lie wholly with government agencies charged with maintaining the lists. Some share of responsibility lies with civil libertarian extremists who have ceaselessly lambasted the entire no-fly system.

Maintaining a terrorist watch list is a highly complex task. The problem includes not only assembling a list of potential suspects but distributing the information on the list to visa offices, border checkpoints, cargo facilities and the like in a timely fashion. The correct spelling of foreign names, with all the variants arising from translation, is in itself a highly complicated endeavor. Criteria for inclusion of a subject on a watch list must be established. And then there is the difficulty of training agents, many of them with little understanding of the nuances of places such as Yemen and Nigeria, to operate the system.

News reports suggest that Abdulmutallab's name was added to a government list of people with suspected ties to terrorism in November, after his father warned

the American Embassy in Lagos, Nigeria, that he had embraced Islamic extremism.

Abdulmutallab was not, however, on the far shorter no-fly list maintained by the FBI, which is why he was able to board without apparent problem the Northwest Airlines flight bound for Detroit. According to testimony before a Senate committee in early December by Timothy J. Healy, director of the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center, the consolidated watch list maintained by the FBI currently consists of about 400,000 names. But of these, only about 3,400 have been placed on the no-fly list. In other words, about 396,600 individuals who have a suspected link to terrorism are permitted to fly.

A Justice Department audit last spring found numerous flaws in the terrorist watch system. As new information flows into the FBI, it is required to update the lists. Yet according to the audit, in 67 percent of the cases it sampled, "the FBI case agent primarily assigned to the case failed to modify the watch list record when new identifying information was obtained during the course of the investigation, as required by FBI policy."

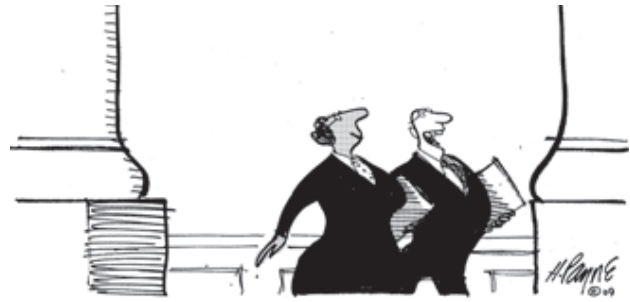
The inevitable complexity of the watch list process guarantees significant errors. On one side lies the problem of innocent people finding themselves on the

list. ... On the other side lies the problem of alleged terrorists like Abdulmutallab being allowed to fly.

Reducing both types of errors is obviously highly desirable. But given the nature of the dangers that the lists are designed to avert, a reasonable policy would tilt toward over-inclusiveness.

And here is where the political context becomes critical. The Bush administration was subjected to withering criticism for the way it managed the no-fly list. The American Civil Liberties Union put the system on its own list of the "Top Ten Abuses of Power Since 9/11," asserting that "the uncontroversial contention that Osama bin Laden and a handful of other known terrorists should not be allowed on an aircraft" has been exploited "to create a monster." In one of several lawsuits the group has filed involving terrorist lists, the ACLU alleged that they "violate airline passengers' constitutional right to freedom from unreasonable search and seizure and to due process of law."

Vermont Democrat Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has been one among a chorus of voices that accused the former administration of being far too sweeping, placing "infants, nuns and even members of Congress" on terrorist watch lists. The writer Naomi



Wolf has called travel restrictions such as the no-fly list "a classic part of the fascist playbook" akin to the depredations of Nazi Germany, where "families fleeing internment were traumatized by the uncertainties that they knew they faced at the borders." This was hysteria directed against Bush counterterrorism mechanisms that the Obama administration has left almost entirely unchanged. ...

We will never know whether fierce criticism from the left had any direct effect on the processing of Abdulmutallab's file, but the political environment is important to consider going forward. The officials managing the watch lists are not eager to be hauled before a congressional committee if they blunder and bar innocent

people from getting on flights. But they are also acutely aware of the potential price tag of being under-inclusive.

The problem with over-inclusiveness is that innocent people will suffer major inconvenience and that counterterrorism resources are wasted. But if the lists are under-inclusive, innocent people can die, and in large numbers. If asked to choose between over- and under-inclusiveness on the watch lists, the passengers of Northwest Flight 253 no doubt would have their preference.

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## An admiral who found the center in a time of war

BY DAVID IGNATIUS

This was another year of the vanishing center in America. Despite the election of a president who promised to govern across party and racial lines, partisan division seemed to engulf nearly every important institution and topic — with one notable exception, and that was the U.S. military.

So at year's end, I want to examine the person who came to symbolize the military's apolitical unity, Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A year from now, I'd love to be able to say there are more Mullens in our national life and fewer Rush Limbaughs.

Mullen managed the military's transition from George W. Bush to Barack Obama, from surging in Iraq to withdrawing U.S. troops. He worked with the new president while Obama painstakingly made the decision to escalate in Afghanistan. Through it all, Mullen managed to remain out of the limelight most of the time, which is where a military leader ought to be.

Mullen isn't a flashy operator. He botches his syntax, and he doesn't always finish his sentences. A friend of Mullen's likens him to the actor Walter Matthau — a big man with a meaty face; fit, but slightly rumpiled; at once wry and grandfatherly. ...

Mullen made his way up in one of the unglamorous parts of the Navy — the destroyer fleet's engineering branch. His nickname back then was "Midnight Mike," because he worked so hard. His father had been a Hollywood publicist, handling the likes of Ann-Margret, which probably helped the young officer cope with the big egos of Navy commanders.

Mullen got the chairman's job because he had developed a reputation as an unselfish leader — something that isn't always

true in a Pentagon where each service struggles to protect its turf. When Mullen was chief of naval operations in 2007, a top aide to Defense Secretary Bob Gates asked Mullen what worried him most. His generous answer — "the U.S. Army" — is said to have convinced Gates that he was the right person for the chairman's job.

Mullen knew there would be a presidential turnover during his watch as chairman, and he began preparing for it early. He wrote an article in July 2008, when some soldiers were nervous about having a Democrat in the White House, stressing that "the U.S. military must remain apolitical at all times and in all ways." Advising the new president on the Afghanistan war has been the trickiest part of Mullen's job. An early challenge was replacing Gen. David McKiernan as commander. When McKiernan didn't answer an important

question during a video briefing for Gates, the chairman advised his boss: "I don't think we have the right guy there." Gates concurred, and Mullen recommended Gen. Stanley McChrystal as a replacement.

During the long White House review of Afghan policy, Mullen had the delicate task of advising, but not pushing, the president. In congressional testimony in September, he expressed his personal view that more troops were needed — for which he was rebuked by Rahm Emanuel. Mullen kept his head down after that.

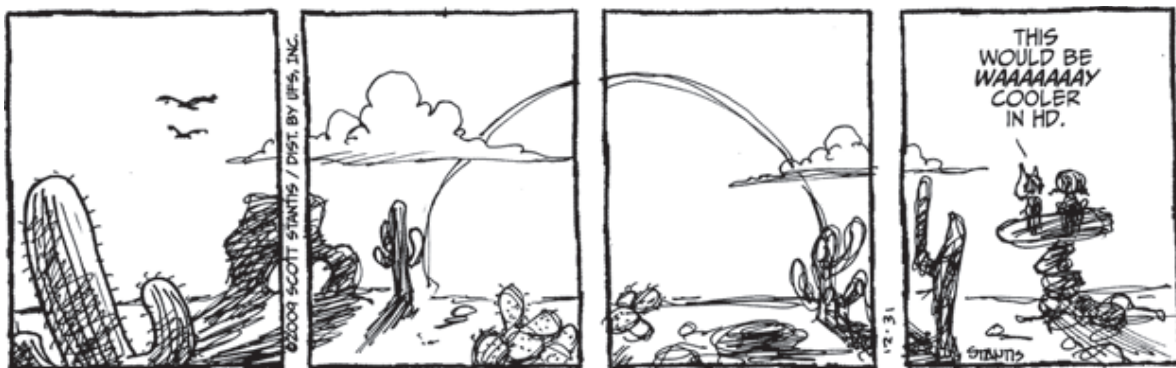
The Afghanistan decision tested the civilian-military balance. Some liberals worry that Mullen and the generals co-opted the president; conservatives argue that Mullen unwisely endorsed the president's July 2011 withdrawal timetable. But the decision achieved that rare Washington moment of a consensus both sides

could live with.

Mullen has his critics: Some argue that he has been too much the "good cop" with the Pakistani military, leaving other administration officials to prod them for more help against al-Qaida. And his problem-solving temperament will be tested next year by Iran. Mullen very much wants to avoid another war in the region, but he told commanders last week: "Should the president call for military options, we must have them ready." Meeting with troops this month in Afghanistan, Mullen offered some advice that revealed a lot about his own leadership style — modeled on his hero, Gen. George C. Marshall. "Lead quietly," he told them, "lead listening." That's a sentiment that wasn't heard often enough in 2009 in a noisy Washington.

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## Prickly City



BY SCOTT STANTIS

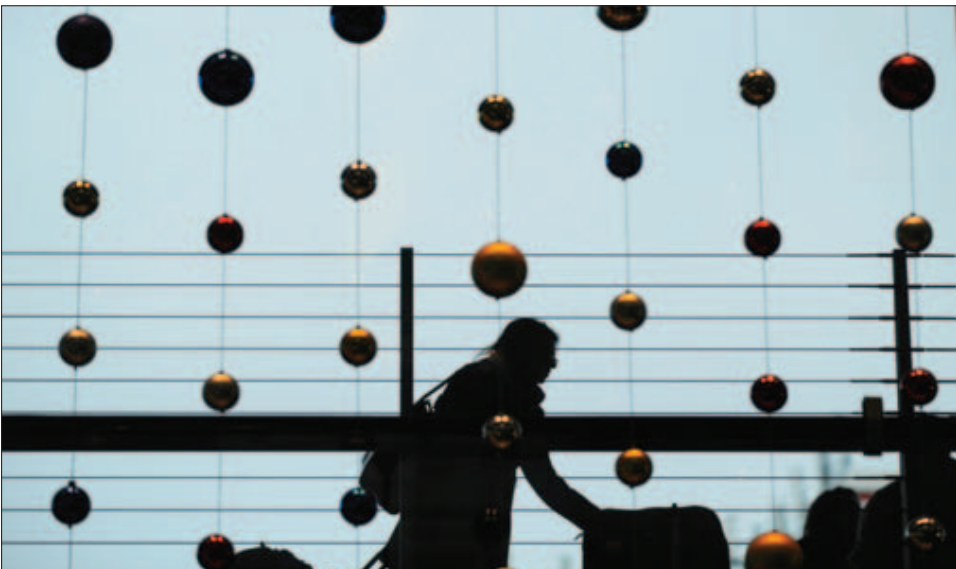




**Crab glass** This colorful stained-glass sculpture of Maryland's official state crustacean, the blue crab, is on the upper level at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in Linthicum, Md. The sculpture, designed by Jackie Leatherbury Douglass, is 10 feet long and 5½ feet high.



**Snow break** The Lake Champlain Bridge is imploded in Crown Point, N.Y.. The bridge, which connects Crown Point, N.Y., and Addison, Vt., was closed in October because of erosion to its concrete piers.



**So long, Christmas** A passenger walks past Christmas decorations at O'Hare International Airport, in Chicago.

**Mercury pollution from coal plants increasing**

**IL** CHICAGO — Mercury pollution from coal-fired power plants is increasing in Illinois — despite a decline in such pollution nationwide. That's according to a Chicago Tribune analysis of newly released federal data on industrial pollution. The analysis found that the amount of mercury blown into the air by Illinois' coal plants increased by 7 percent last year. Mercury emissions from all U.S. power plants declined by 4 percent.

**Low state truck fees draw scrutiny**

**TX** FORT WORTH — A top state transportation official says it's not fair for truck owners to pay lower state registration fees. State Rep. Joe Pickett, D-El Paso, wants to overhaul the schedule of registration fees that charge truck owners about \$4 less than car owners. Lawmakers this year took steps to make fees for most vehicles a flat \$50.75 a year, but the changes don't take effect until Sept. 1, 2011.

**Single \$128.6 million lottery ticket sold**

**KY** LOUISVILLE — Kentucky lottery officials said there was a single \$128.6 million winning Powerball ticket sold in Georgetown, 65 miles east of Louisville, making it the largest jackpot won in the history of the Kentucky lottery. The winning numbers were: 32-36-37-41-53 with a Powerball of 30. Kentucky Lottery spokesman Chip Polston said prior to this jackpot, the largest jackpot won in Kentucky was \$89.3 million in January 1996.

**Health inspectors set to check up on market**

**HI** HONOLULU — State Health Department inspectors are set to return to a Chinatown market in Honolulu to see what progress vendors are making in tackling a potential rat problem. Food safety inspectors and vector control workers have been keeping a closer eye on the Kekaulike Marketplace after an online video shot at the marketplace showed rats crawling out from under tarps and over produce.

**9 'suspicious' fires leave 2 dead in town**

**MA** NORTHAMPTON — Authorities said nine fires that left two people dead in a western Massachusetts town are "suspicious" and they're treating them as potential crimes. District Attorney Elizabeth D. Scheibel said five of the suspicious fires were in buildings and the rest in cars.

**Man detained after disturbance on plane**

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — Federal authorities may file charges against an intoxicated passenger who caused a disturbance aboard a Salt Lake City-bound jetliner and was detained by police upon landing. Airport Director of Operations

Randall Berg said the disturbance involved the man knocking on the pilots' cabin door, but he didn't have other details. He said the man, who wasn't identified, was held for questioning.

**Survivor of fishing boat accident leaves hospital**

**NJ** TRENTON — The lone survivor of a fishing boat accident off the southern New Jersey coast has been released from the hospital, but the fate of two other crewmembers remains unknown. Mark Cooper was among three people aboard the Alisha Marie, a 38-foot boat that capsized after being hit by a large wave about 26 miles east of Barnegat Light.

**Family uninjured after small airplane crash**

**LA** ALEXANDRIA — A Texas family escaped injury after their airplane lost power and went down in a field near central Louisiana's England Airpark. The Town-Talk newspaper reports that the engine of Brad McCullough's small plane cut out and McCullough was forced to land the plane in a muddy field. McCullough's wife, Mary Beth, and their 1-year-old daughter were out of the plane when help arrived.

**Hard times have farmers calling help lines**

**NY** ALBANY — With milk selling for less than it cost to produce this year, a lot more dairy farmers turned to NY FarmNet, the Ithaca, N.Y.-based not-for-profit. Others called agricultural help lines with their personal and professional woes. NY FarmNet saw a 50 percent increase in help requests over the past year. "When you can't pay the bills and you have to borrow money and you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel, there's a lot of emotional stress," said Patty Beyer, a partner with Moserdale Dairy in Copenhagen, N.Y. Callers can talk to one of 50 consultants who specialize in either financial or personal problems. It has taken about 6,000 requests for help this year.

**Head cameras let you see what police see**

**CA** SAN JOSE — Grainy cell phone images are often used against cops accused of using excessive violence. Now, officers are being armed with their own cameras. The so-called head cameras are the latest technology to come from TASER International, Inc., makers of the stun guns popular with law enforcement. "It's like the helmet cam you've seen on X Games," said San Jose police officer William Pender, who demonstrated the camera on a recent afternoon. Eighteen of San Jose's more than 1,300 sworn officers have been trained to use the AXON head cameras as part of a free trial. Other departments are expected to be added to the program. The device resembles a Bluetooth earpiece and is attached by a band that runs around the back of the officer's head.



# Horoscope

The decade goes out on a high note. Not only will there be a full Cancer moon to maximize our emotions, but it also happens to be the second full moon of the calendar month, making it a blue moon, too. And to compound the rarity, there will also be a partial lunar eclipse! Though old acquaintances may or may not be "forgot," this night will not be.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 31).** Create a little mischief! Your originality is so appealing. You'll come up with solutions that no one else will think of. A new endeavor will excite you in May. Though you'll start out with meager skills, you'll emerge as a force to be reckoned with. In June, you'll get the necessary financing to do what you need to do. Aries and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 44, 24, 31, 52 and 48.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Take control of your mood. Get in charge of your emotions — they are your power source. The ability to control your own state of mind is the ingredient for success.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Do you believe in magic? The unexplained will happen. You can search for a reasonable explanation, and you might find one. But it's more fun to accept the magic as a metaphor and go on your merry way.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your relationships will be the focus of your end-of-the-decade review. Certain incidents of the past 10 years will pop out as highlights. Note what you want to create more of and you'll attract it.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You don't have to be doing anything special in order to shine as your best self. Just walking across a room is an activity that allows your light to radiate. And you'll meet people who aren't afraid to tell you how wonderful you are.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your energetic investments pay off like a

slot machine today. So pay attention to which machine you're playing. The nickel slots can only pay you back in nickels. Choose wisely.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Risk rejection. It's an inevitable part of being human, though when you cease being afraid of it, it happens a lot less often. So be courageous. Reach out to the one who makes you nervous.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** It's a special night — one to remember. You'll send the last decade out with style. Also, you will make eye contact with someone and for the first time really see the soul that's behind those pretty windows.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll be very attractive tonight, and there will be those who want to monopolize your time. Flit from person to person. Mingle. You benefit from getting to know as many people as possible.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You want constant change. Then you want security. You want to be organized. But then you want the freedom of not having to stick to a structure. Miraculously, you'll get what you want when you want it.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Keep dreaming, and don't worry if your plans for the new decade are hugely ambitious. Once you start working, you'll have the support of a knowledgeable crew of people. All you'll have to do is reach out.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You'll be in the company of intellectually stimulating people, and this puts you in an enterprising mood. Many terrific ideas will come to you as you socialize among your peers. Write them down lest you forget!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You have the ability to relate to people from all walks of life, and you'll be using that skill this afternoon to get a few important details squared away before the year, and the decade, comes to a close.

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## Holiday Mathis



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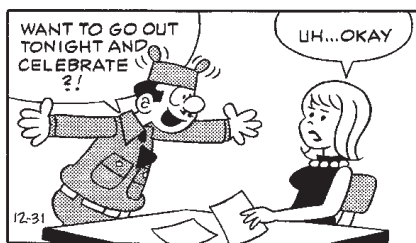
Difficulty: Hard

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

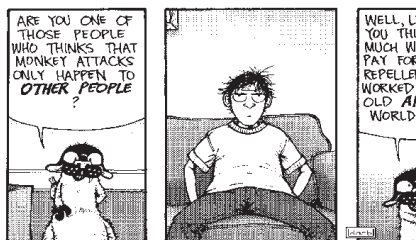
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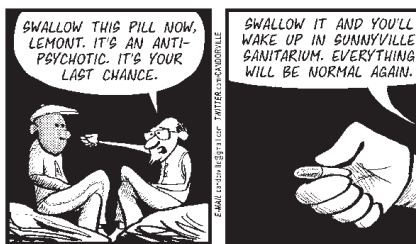
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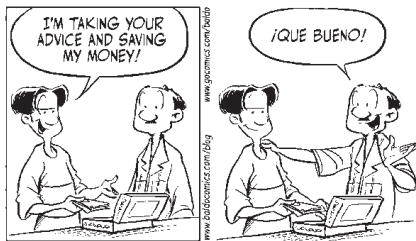
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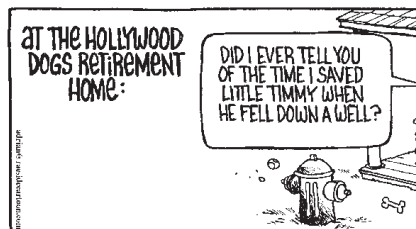
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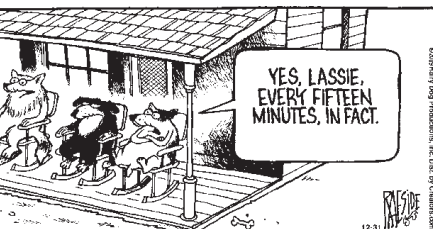
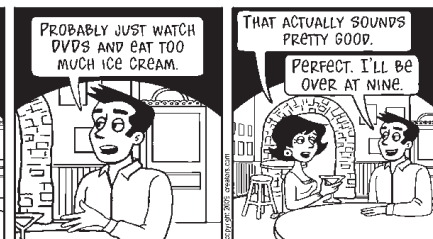
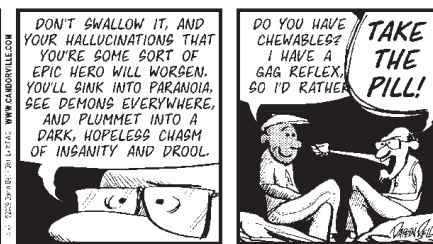
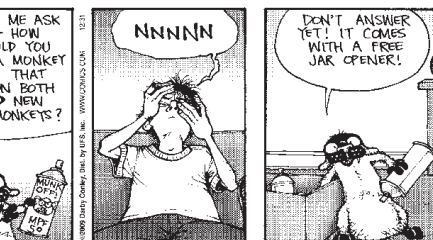
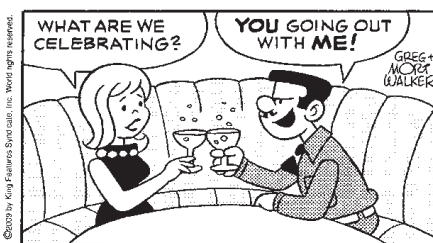
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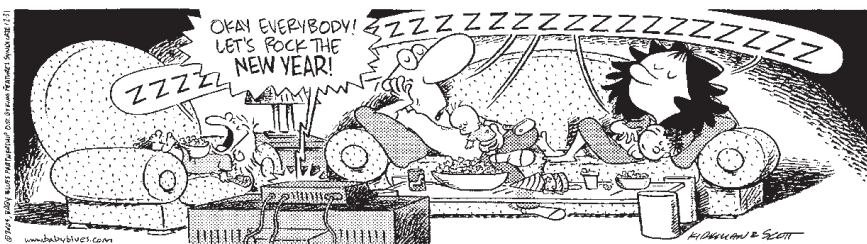
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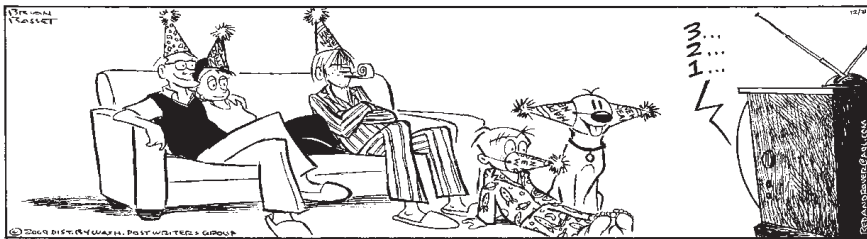
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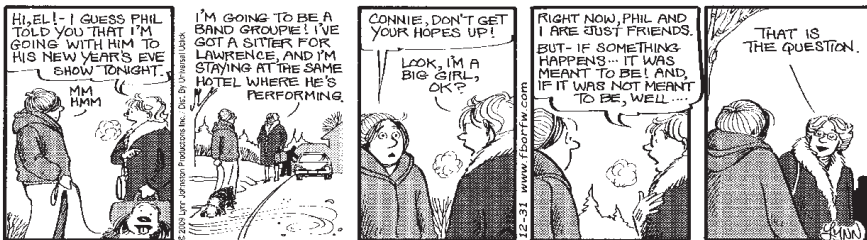
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Better or Worse



## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Get ready quickly?
- 5 Weep
- 8 Skilled
- 12 Atmosphere
- 13 Hatchery supply
- 14 "Family —"
- 15 Use scissors
- 16 Symbol of wisdom
- 17 Banner
- 18 Cooks clams, maybe
- 20 Czech capital
- 22 "Of course"
- 23 Midafternoon, maybe
- 24 Castro's land
- 27 Serbian city
- 32 Chowd down
- 33 Eggs
- 34 Sister
- 35 Roared
- 38 Secondhand
- 39 Despondent
- 40 Thither
- 42 Reverberated
- 45 Reins, bit, etc.
- 49 Geezer
- 50 Ostrich's cousin
- 52 Resign
- 53 Lariat
- 54 Fall behind
- 55 Arm bone
- 56 Cold War initials

57 "— Impossible"

58 Spuds' buds

### DOWN

- 1 Free ticket
- 2 Smallest of the litter
- 3 Canal zone?
- 4 Tropical fruit
- 5 Weapon for Robin Hood
- 6 Tier
- 7 Kennel sound
- 8 Catered event
- 9 Waterloo people
- 10 Waikiki wingding
- 11 Lip
- 19 Yours truly
- 21 Predetermine the outcome
- 24 Taxi
- 25 4x4, for short
- 26 Hotel staffers
- 28 First lady
- 29 Spotted beetles
- 30 Payable
- 31 Conclusion
- 36 Crook during a power outage
- 37 Have bills
- 38 Matchless
- 41 On the other hand
- 42 Beige
- 43 Makes dove sounds
- 44 Sandwich shop
- 46 As is fitting
- 47 Queue
- 48 Greek vowels
- 51 Wrestling surface

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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THAN YOURS, SO HE'S THE SCARIER CARRIER.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals E





## AFN Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at [www.myafn.net](http://www.myafn.net)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	(2:50) Movie "Shallow Hal" (2001, Romance-Comedy) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black, Jason Alexander.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Ground Breakers	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals	(3:50) Pokémon	The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	Color Splash		
16:00	Sesame Street	(4:00) Zatch Bell				Fit For Duty	MythBusters "Crash and Burn"	SportsCenter	
16:30						Battleground			
17:00	The View	The Fairly OddParents	Behind the Scenes	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	The American Veteran	King of the Hill	Sports	Futurama "Jurassic Bark"
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	Ent. Studios	Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Two and a Half Men		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline	Around the Services	Downrange	Two and a Half Men		Family Guy
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	The Suite Life on Deck	Movie "Gangs of New York" (2002, Historical Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis. A man vows vengeance on the gangster who killed his father.	The O'Reilly Factor	American Dad	Ft. Hood on Track	Homeland Security USA		Jesse James Is a Dead Man
19:30		Zoey 101 "Bad Girl"			Family Guy	Today's Air Force			
20:00	Access Hollywood	American Dreams "Ticket to Ride"		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Hawthorne "Mother's Day"	Briefing Encore	Southern Belles: Louisville "Reality Check"		Run's House
20:30	The King of Queens					Fit For Duty			Harlem Heights
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Friday Night Lights "Pantherama!"		Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	The Mentalist "Seeing Red"		Making the Band 4
21:30						Recon			
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: TNG	Movie "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004, Comedy) Vince Vaughn.	Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Wife"		SportsNation Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Paper or Plastic"		America's Newsroom		Briefing Encore	Two and a Half Men	Sports	SportsCenter
23:30			Terminator 2		Late Show W/Letterman	Week-Pentagon	Two and a Half Men		

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	The Suite Life on Deck	(11:45) Movie "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton.	Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	Tour of Duty	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		Zoey 101 "Bad Girl"			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	American Dreams "Ticket to Ride"		MSNBC Live	EXchange on Air	Cane "One Man Is an Island"			Futurama "Jurassic Bark"
1:30	Jeopardy!				Judge Judy	Fit For Duty			Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News	Friday Night Lights "Pantherama!"	(1:15) Movie "Gangs of New York" (2002, Historical Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis, Cameron Diaz. A man vows vengeance on the gangster who killed his father.	Happening Now	Hell's Kitchen Stress cracks one wannabe chef for good.	Today's Air Force	Ghost Whisperer "This Joint's Haunted"		The Simpsons
2:30	ATS/AFN Report					Around the Services			Family Guy
3:00	American Dad	Degrassi: Next Generation		Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Psych		Jesse James Is a Dead Man "Jesse James vs. The Cops"
3:30	Family Guy Getting married.	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				This Week in the Pentagon			
4:00	Hawthorne "Mother's Day"	7th Heaven "Paper or Plastic"		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	The Grill Sergeants	Seinfeld "The Wife"	Sports	Run's House
4:30						State Dept Briefing	Friends		Harlem Heights
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies "Barbecue"	(1:15) Movie "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor, Ben Stiller.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		Making the Band 4
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	
6:00	Headline News	Sesame Street		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	All Hands TV	Essence of Emeril	Sports	SportsNation Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
6:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien					Recon	Down Home With the Neelys	Jim Rome Is Burning	
7:00		Bear in the Big Blue House	Behind the Scenes "2012"	Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	El News Entertainment news.	Around the Horn	SportsCenter
7:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Blue's Clues	Entertainment Studios.com			Around the Services	The Daily 10	Pardon the Interruption	
8:00		Go, Diego, Go!	Hollywood Dailies	Around the Services	Sesame Street	Briefing Encore	ER "In a Different Light"	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
8:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Handy Manny	Entertainment Tonight	NBC Nightly News		This Week in the Pentagon			
9:00		The Wonder Pets!	Movie "Danielle Steel's Changes" (1991, Drama) Cheryl Ladd. A top TV correspondent falls in love with a heart surgeon.	World News-Gibson	The View	Fit For Duty	Army Wives "Independence Day"	Sports	Sports
9:30	Judge Judy	Little Einsteins		CBS Evening News		Around the Services			
10:00	Hell's Kitchen	Peep and Big Wide		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Dr. Phil	FNG Useful benefits.	Private Practice "In Which Addison Finds the Magic"		
10:30		Super Why!				State Dept Briefing			
11:00	Oprah Winfrey	Handy Manny "Fixin' It Right"	(10:50) Movie "The Time Machine" (2002, Science Fiction) Guy Pearce, Samantha Mumba.	Hannity	The Dr. Oz Show	Fit For Duty	Judge Judy		
11:30						Freestyle Iraq	Judge Alex		
12:00	Dr. Phil	Sonny With a Chance		Anderson Cooper 360	Access Hollywood	The Grill Sergeants	CSI: NY "Blood, Sweat and Tears"		Sports
12:30		Sonny With a Chance	(4:00) Movie "The Family Man" (2000, Romance-Comedy) Nicolas Cage, Tea Leoni. A Wall Street playboy wakes to an alternate suburban existence.	Special Report With Bret Baier	The King of Queens	Fit For Duty	Challenge		
13:00	CBS Evening News	Sonny With a Chance			The Young and the Restless	Battleground			
13:30	ESPNEWS	Sonny With a Chance		Campbell Brown	General Hospital	Around the Services			
14:00	The FOX Report With Shepard Smith	Sonny With a Chance				Briefing Encore	Emeril Live		
14:30		Sonny With a Chance				Downrange			
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Movie "The Black Candle" (2008, Documentary) Narrated by Maya Angelou.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals				Balad and Beyond	My Big Amazing Renovation		
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon		The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	Cash Cab	SportsCenter	
16:30		(4:00) Zatch Bell	(2:50) Movie "Batman Begins" (2005, Action) Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson. Bruce Wayne becomes Gotham City's Dark Knight.	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	Battleground	Cash Cab		
17:00	The View	(0:50) The Fairly OddParents		Nightly Business Report	Jeopardy!	The Grill Sergeants	King of the Hill	Sports	Futurama "Route of All Evil"
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		Nightline	World News-Gibson	FNG Useful benefits.	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants			Around the Services	Around the Services	Two and a Half Men		Family Guy "Blue Harvest, Parts 1 and 2"
18:30		Hannah Montana				Downrange	Two and a Half Men		
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	New Year-Charlie Brown	Movie "What Happens in Vegas" (2008) Cameron Diaz. Two strangers awake together and find they are married.	The O'Reilly Factor	Rules of Engagement	This Week in the Pentagon	John Mayer Live From The Beacon Theatre		2009 MTV Video Music Awards In New York City.
19:30		That's So Raven			(2:50) 30 Rock "Larry King"	The American Veteran			
20:00	Access Hollywood	Made "Beauty Queen"		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	ER "Oh, Brother"	Briefing Encore	Joe Satriani in Concert		
20:30	The King of Queens	Beauty pageant queen.				Fit For Duty			
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Friday Night Lights "Seeing Other People"	(8:55) Movie "Coyote Ugly" (2000) Piper Perabo, Maria Bello. A struggling songwriter cuts loose in a rowdy New York bar.	Today	Operation New Years 2010 (N)	Battleground	Three Sheets "Chile"		Punk'd
21:30						Recon Revisited	Three Sheets "Rio"		
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: Next Generation		Today		Around the Services	Three Sheets "Portugal"		SportsNation Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				Pacific Report	Three Sheets "Hong Kong"		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "The Fine Art of Parenting"	(10:50) Movie "National Lampoon's Animal	America's Newsroom		Briefing Encore	Three Sheets: New Year's	Sports	SportsCenter
23:30						The Grill Sergeants	Three Sheets: London		

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00:00	Oprah Winfrey	New Year-Charlie Brown	Nat'l Lampoon Animal House	Newsroom	(9:00) Operation New Years 2010 (N)	Army Newswatch	Three Sheets "Denmark"	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		That's So Raven	(4:00) Movie "Old School" (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell. Three men relive their wild past by starting a fraternity.			Downrange	Three Sheets "Scotland"		
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Made "Beauty Queen"		MSNBC Live	Operation New Years 2010	This Week in the Pentagon	Burn Notice "Good Soldier"		Futurama "Route of All Evil"
1:30	Jeopardy!	Beauty pageant queen.				Fit For Duty			Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News	Friday Night Lights "Seeing Other People"	(2:50) Movie "What Happens in Vegas" (2008) Cameron Diaz. Two strangers awake together and find they are married.	Happening Now		The American Veteran	Lipstick Jungle "Chapter Ten: Let It Be"		Family Guy "Blue Harvest, Parts 1 and 2"
2:30	ATS/AFN Report					Around the Services			Sports
3:00	Rules of Engagement	Degrassi: Next Generation		Newsroom		Downrange	Medium "Wicked Game" (Part 1 of 2)		
3:30	(2:50) 30 Rock "Larry King"	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				All Hands TV			
4:00	ER "Oh, Brother"	7th Heaven "The Fine Art of Parenting"	(2:00) Movie "Coyote Ugly" (2000, Romance-Comedy) Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia.	MSNBC Live		Recon Revisited	Seinfeld "The Raincoats"	Sports	
4:30						State Dept Briefing	Friends		
5:00	Operation New Years	Teletubbies "Jumping"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	

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## Autos for Sale 141

Hawaii - 2001 Mercedes Benz C240. Silver. Nice rims. Leather interior. Everything is electric. Sunroof, 6 CD disk changer. Automatic. Well kept. Wonderful car. Selling for \$8,700. OBO. Please reply urgently!!!!!! E-mail Monique.sutton@gmail.com, amy.mil or Monique.sutton@us.army.mil

Atsugi - 1994 Toyota Celica, red 2 door. \$1200 obo. Liability Insurance Expires: August 21, 2011. JCI Insurance Expires: July 24, 2011. Japanese Inspection Due: June 4, 2011. Base Inspection Due: May 27, 2011. Call Simah or Rebecca. Home: 264-7800. Simah Cell 06035880127

Misawa, Japan - For Sale! 2004 Subaru - Black No JCI until September 2011, automatic, 5 disc CD changer, custom lights, partial leather interior. \$3,000. Please call 0178-56-5403 or meganpettit@hotmail.com

Misawa, Japan - For Sale! Loaded: Black '93 Nissan Gloria - \$4000 Payments accepted. JCI July 2011, 19" deep dish Lowenhardt rims 4 12" Kenwood subs, 3 Kenwood amps, 2 Capacitors, Dynamist trunk kit 12" flip down monitor 8" in dash touch screen monitor connected to Windows XP computer with 80gb hard drive, keyboard, external Wi-Fi slot, i tunes, and other common windows programs. New brakes and spark plugs. After market shocks, steering wheel, and door speakers winter tires please email nwbatesjw@yahoo.com

## Autos for Sale 141

Sasebo - 1996 Mitsubishi Jeep (J-55). Looks like the old CJ-3B Jeeps with modern drive train. Reliable 2.7 L intercooled Turbo Diesel. Sharp hunter green paint with Cream soft top. New 30" BFG Mud Terrains on Crager Rims. 48K on odometer (30K miles). \$7000.00 OBO. email davidhumbrecht@gmail.com for pics or info. Daytime phone 252-2849.

Yokosuka - 2000 Toyota Mark 2 Turbo 1JZ-GTE VVTL 5spd, 19in Work Wheels, Collover Suspension, HKS Intake, Exhaust, ORC Clutch, Tomei LSD, Tunned computer, Vertex Body Kit and Intercooler. Extras included. Excellent condition in and out. Tags good till mid 2011. \$12,500. 090-8008-2478 Email mikvipwr@cox.net.

Yokosuka - 2000 Toyota Nadia, 4-door grey hatchback, 4-cyl automatic 1900cc km, AM/FM/CD/TV/navigation system, power steering/locks/windows/ mirrors, JCI Apr 2011, reliable, good condition, \$2800 OBO. Ted, 243-7660, 090-6505-0046 e v e n i n g s s satohawk1@yahoo.com

Yokosuka - 99 Mercedes Benz CLK-320 Classic, Silver; Fully Loaded; Left Hand Drive; JCI and Base Inspection; Available Now. \$18,000.00 OBO available. Call Old School at 080-5678-0467 or email: blismm@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1992 Honda Civic Hatchback My wife and I is PCSing soon so this has to go. AT, A/C (needs recharged), PW, PL, power mirrors, I put an alpine stereo and Kenwood speakers in it last year, I also put new tires on it last year and got new JCI this year. The Outside looks good except for a little bit of damage to the passenger side mirror. A passing car hit it when it was driving by, but it's not too bad. This car has been very reliable, great on gas, and has never given us a problem. Asking \$900. Please email gsc\_toy@hotmail.com or call 090-6038-8465

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Subaru Legacy Wagon Dark green 1993 Subaru Wagon with 99,077km, has two sunroofs, A/C & heat, CD, automatic windows/locks. JCI due in Feb 2010. Asking 600 OBO. Contact Mike @ 214-261-6421 or email for additional pictures/info

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota Exiv 4 door 6cylinder under automatic PW PI CD Keyless entry folding rear seats 129500km AC and heat Car runs great no leaks. Outside scratched up a bit. JCI due Feb 2010 will need new tires and starter acts up from time to time other than that everything works great \$350. Asking \$350 Please email a i l m x c r 2 0 2 0 2 0 0 @ y a h o o . c o m Dave

## Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Toyota Lucida Van Very dependable family vehicle. Automatic w/overdrive, AM/FM CD, TV & Navigation Front pop-up moon roof, rear power sunroof w/moon rack and rear spoiler. Comfortably seat 7 passengers. Front & rear AC. JCI until October 2010. Asking \$2800. Please email jrryam@gmail.com or call 090-6630-9557

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Nissan Avenir AWD Station Wagon for sale w/ sr20 engine. Clean inside and out has 59,000km low miles JCI inspection is good until June 2011, paid road tax this year everything is up to date. Bi annual tune ups, has normal dings and scratches runs well, new rear tires. After market Kenwood CD player all there is to do is transfer title, asking \$2,000 also willing to trade for a sedan or a 2 door. If you're interested please call 241-2392 Thanks

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Toyota Vitz Description Model Year: 2000 Mileage: 76,000km Body type: 4-Door Hatchback 500 Turbo Automatic Transmission Exterior: Pink Interior: Gray Keyless Entry, New tires March 2009 JCI good through March 2011 Gets Excellent gas mileage! Asking \$2500 Please email skiddoggers@yahoo.com or call 646-957-9391

Yokota, Japan - 2004 Toyota Voxy JCI until Sep 2011 81627 Km (about 50800 Miles) 3 Row seating for 7 and 5 Doors for e a s y D e n i s cookieslifestyle@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 2004 Toyota Camry PCS Sale 82,700 kilometers drives like new. Excellent gas mileage can be seen at the lemon lot Call for details. 1-702-946-6078 Roger

Yokota, Japan - 95 Purple Honda Inspire Need to sell b4 31 Dec. Currently on lemon lot. Call for details. JCI expires March 2011. Asking \$1600 OBO. Please email e b o n i . s c o o t @ u s . a f . m i l or call 090-6316-7422

Yokota, Japan - '96 Toyota Current JCI exp Jan 2012 \$2000 Call for details. JCI expires Engine Start (works from 9th floor of tower) 2 Dr Excellent heater COLD AC PW PS PL. Call for details. JCI expires Battery/Tires. Runs excellent. Asking \$2000 Call for Test Drive 080-3019-5299/042-553-5496 available Jan. 13TH

## Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - '97 Honda Step-wagon Mileage: 91,800km Body type: VAN EG Description: 2.0L Fuel Type: Gas Transmission: 4 Speed AT (Column Shift) Drive Train Type: 2WD Exterior: Metallic Lavender Interior: Gray Others: P S, PW, For 7 passenger, Non-smoking/Clean car Maintenance for First Inspection, Domestic Transportation, Sales Tax and JCI included. Asking \$229,000 Please email cookieslifestyle@gmail.com or call 090-7440-6346 Dennis

Yokota, Japan - '98 Nissan Prairie 110K, 4 doors with hatch back. Three row seating. This van runs great and has JCI until June 2011! The rear passenger doors are both sliding and windows are fully functional, CD player. Real clean JCI expires June 2011 Asking \$1700. Please email jbwalt@gmail.com or call 240-845-5317

Yokota, Japan - Mitsubishi FTO Nice car, but I need to purchase a van. JCI until Aug. 2011 asking \$1750 Please email fairlrit@aol.com or call 090-9787-8770

Yokota, Japan - Nissan Gloria Brougham w/ VIP Trim Level - Fully loaded. Lots of power-V6 Turbo Automatic-Power switch (choices: normal, power, sport) AM/FM Cassette Tape, CD Changer, TV & Navigation-Front & Rear AC-Rear controls for AC & Entertainment system-Power reclining back seats-Keyless entry with remote-Lowered Suspension-Original Admiration Aero Kit-Silver White HID system-Fog lights-Cornering lights-Wheel-Cruise Control-Exhaust System-18" Deep dish wheels with polish lip Very smooth, but yet powerful smooth drive. Any reasonable offer will be considered. Call me anytime for a test drive. JCI until March 2011. Asking \$3800 OBO. Please email cjahanna@yahoo.com or call 090-6630-9557 Jerry

Zama, Japan - 96 Toyota Estima - good condition, 88,900 KM. JCI expires July 2011. Call 263-7877 or 080-3381-6202

Zama, Japan - 98 Honda Accord, 85,800 KM. JCI expires August 2011. \$800.00 OBO. Call 263-7877 or 080-3381-6202

## Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - 2004 Honda CBR 600RR Some upgrades 2 Brothers. Excellent condition. Blue Windscreen By Bruig, Rear fender, Red devil eyes w/ toggle switch not shown new Red Chain Driven Firing Rear and Front sprocket powder black. Recently removed fairside dings L/R good first bike JCI expires 2010. Asking \$800 OBO Please email a i l t r o n y 8 0 0 @ y a h o o . c o m

## Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - Out Standing Honda 400 Star 4 Great first time Bike for new riders in Japan. You have to have a 400 CC for the first year anyways. I am willing to upgrade. So I want to sell this one. Runs, outstanding, I have taken it on many weekend drives with no problems. New tires and some small parts details of the bike will be given when I show you. I have had it for almost a year now. If interested please contact me. JCI until 2011 asking \$2000. Please email cookieslifestyle@gmail.com or call 090-7440-6346

## Motorcycles Wanted 165

Yokota, Japan - Want to buy: 400CC Sport bike looking for a 400CC sport bike in fair to good condition. Negotiable. Please call 08035380545 Alexander Barnes

## Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - Kid-dopotamus Snuzzler Complete Head and Body Support Give Baby properly during car rides with the comfy padding Features an adjustable, detachable head support that adds luxurious comfort to any infant seat. Fits in car seats, strollers, bouncy seats, swings, and joggers. Made of polyester, Machine washable (Never used. Kind of forgot I had it.) Original price: \$20 Asking price: \$15 Please email babyvalerie14@yahoo.com or call 21108814414

Yokota, Japan - Maclaren Quest stroller Charcoal and Pink Maclaren stroller, purchase Spring 2008 for \$225 Lightly used, it has been in storage for the last 6 months and has suffered some dirt build-up as a result. Other than that, it is perfect. Asking \$50 Please email cjaahanna@yahoo.com Jessica

Yokota, Japan - Prince Lion heart Ultimate Wipes Warmer On a chilly winter's morning you don't want to startle poor baby with an ice-cold wipe on his warm little bottom. The Prince Lion heart Ultimate Wipes Warmer keeps the wipes at a comfortable temperature, making changing little ones a bit more pleasant for both of you. The tub is molded with an EPA approved additive to inhibit growth of micro organisms that cause odor and mildew. Keep wipes moist. Ever-fresh pillow insulates wipes, preventing browning. Large tub holds all standard 4x4 inch packs for the Prince Lion heart Ultimate Wipes Warmer. Quick push button action, Auto lid for instant access to pop up wipes (This is slightly used. So you can still use the pillow that keeps the wipes moist. Asking \$20 Please call 21108814414 Valerie or email babyvalerie14@yahoo.com

## Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - Wooden Baby Crib w/steel bed frame Light grain wood baby crib w/ 3 height adjustments. Years old, but in excellent condition. Mattress is in good condition. Purchased from BX in 2001 Email or call Ken or Grace at 210-881-4373. Asking \$100 OBO

Zama/sha - looking to buy baby items/ baby gear for decent price. Please contact Patricia Wittsell at 267-6329 or email purtoorbaby87@yahoo.com

## Bicycles 220

Atsugi - Cannondale Super V 900 Mountain Bike for sale \$1500. Specialized FS Mountain Bike \$1200. Both bikes are in outstanding condition. Leaving Japan 11 Dec so must sale at this low price. Call Tim at 08058963260.

Yokosuka - Road bicycle 4 sale. 60Cm Motobecane Le Champion. KinesiumSL Frame. Full Ritchey and Dura-Ace components. \$1000 OBO. Tom @ DSN 243-4672, 046-849-6580

## Books 250

Yokota, Japan - Algebra and trigonometry Third Edition This book's author is Beecher, Penna, and Bittinger. This book is in great condition. If you have any further questions, please let me know. Asking \$80 OBO Please email 090-6701-6316

Yokota, Japan - Bio101 biology: concepts & appl. w/o physiology 7th08\$60: hrm300 human resources management 12th\$70: MGST 18\$45: the U.S. stock market, random walk down wall street \$10. Geol 100 physical geography \$45. E m a i l m e r a i n b o w 6 4 i n 9 5 4 @ y a h o o . c o m

Yokota, Japan - Communicating (A social, career and cultural focus) the authors of this book are BARCO, Wolvin, and Wolvin. This book is in like new condition. If you have any further questions, please let me know. Asking \$70 OBO Please email m m m o n e y 2 0 0 3 @ m s n . c o m or call 305-537-5241

Yokota, Japan - Introductory to Computers the authors of this book are Alan Evans, Kendall Martin, and Mary Anne Patsy. This book is like new condition. If you have any other questions, please let me know. Thank you and Happy Holidays! Asking \$60 Please email m m m o n e y 2 0 0 3 @ m s n . c o m or call 305-537-5241

Yokota, Japan - Living room furniture set 4 Piece black couch set willing to sell all for \$500 total. Trying to make room for new furniture asking \$500 Please call 314-558-3436

## Cellular Phones 280

Germany - Cell phone. Sprint HTC Touch Phone \$125.00 Purchased this phone but unable to use it here (no SIM card). I have an AWSOME condition, has everything with it, previous owner had for less than a year and took GREAT care of it. I DO know that it is a tri band n.t.t.p.: / c o m m u n i c a t i o n s . c o m / w w w . p r o d u c t / t o u c a n j a n e t t e . a r n o l d @ r a m s t e i n . a t . m i l

## Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - PCS'ing - Canvas Garment Bags - Cedar Panels PCS'ing and have to downsize. A set of 2 they are in excellent condition. I bought them from Bed, Bath, and Beyond 2 - Garment natural color canvas Garment Bags w/ removable Cedar Panels. I used one for storing Winter Coats, & the other for winter/summer season clothing. You can also use it to store suits, dresses, large coats, shirts, pants, organize a closet! I am selling the set of 2 for \$25.00 (I paid \$25 + shipping for just one of them!) If not home, please leave a message. Please call 916-473-4488 Thank you.

Yokota, Japan - real leather WWII bomber jacket real leather replica WWII bomber jacket worn twice, with hood Asking \$150.00. Please call David 09067016316

## Computers 360

Yokota - 1 TB Lacie Ethernet Big Disk Network Hard Drive, model 3011556. Unopened box. \$260.00. Bx price is \$289.99. Please email trutt@yahoo.com

## Furniture 510

Misawa - TV/Stereo cabinet 60x55x21, asking \$100 or offer. 29 inch CRT TV, \$50. Contact Rick Jones 080-3725-1849.

Yokosuka, Japan - Sleeper couch and love seat - Set only 1 yr old. Sits 5 people and turns to bed. Negotiable price. Contact samuel.plo@gmail.com or 080-4175-4333.

Yokota, Japan - Bunk bed without madras's (doesn't matter if it's metal or wood). Please email a i l t h e r e s e r i n g l a n d @ h o t m a i l . c o m

Yokota, Japan - IKEA High chair w/tray GREAT condition! White plastic, (can take the legs off easily). Tray easily comes on/off, makes it easier to clean! Lip belt including. Blow-up cushion designed for this high chair that u can use when the baby needs a little support to sit up. Asking \$17 Please email thereseringland@hotmail.com

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**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 2, Baltimore at Pittsburgh (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

**Thursday**  
**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**—College football: Champs Sports Bowl, Miami vs. Wisconsin (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 6:30 a.m.**—College football: Humanitarian Bowl, Bowling Green vs. Idaho.  
**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—College basketball: Connecticut at Cincinnati.  
**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—College football: Holiday Bowl, Arkansas vs. Nebraska.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—College basketball: Baylor at Arkansas.  
**AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.**—NHL: Washington at San Jose (joined in progress).  
**AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.**—College football: Holiday Bowl, Arkansas vs. Nebraska (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 3, Denver at Philadelphia (dld, 90-minute cutdown).  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 4, Minnesota at Chicago (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

**Friday**  
**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.**—College football: Armed Forces Bowl, Houston vs. Air Force.  
**AFN-Xtra, 4 a.m.**—College football: Sun Bowl, Oklahoma vs. Stanford.  
**AFN-Sports, 5:30 a.m.**—College football: Texas Bowl, Navy vs. Missouri.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**—College football: Insight Bowl, Minnesota vs. Iowa State.  
**AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.**—College football: Chick-fil-A Bowl, Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11:30 a.m.**—NBA: Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers.  
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## Deals

**Monday's transactions**  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Bob Howry on a one-year contract.  
**NEW YORK METS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Kelvin Escobar on a one-year contract.  
**WASHINGTON NATIONALS**—Agreed to terms with 1B Josh Whitesell and INF Eric Bruntlett on minor league contracts.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**NBA**—Fined New York G Nate Robinson \$25,000 for public statements detrimental to the NBA.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**CHICAGO BEARS**—Signed P Richmond McGee to a two-year contract. Placed DE Adewale Ogunleye on injured reserve.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**ANAHEIM DUCKS**—Placed LW Kyle Calder on waivers. Recalled RW Troy Bodie from Toronto (AHL).  
**CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS**—Reassigned LW Bryan Bickell to Rockford (AHL).  
**LOS ANGELES KINGS**—Recalled F Scott Parse from Manchester (AHL). Loaned F Corey Elkins to Manchester. Placed F Justin Williams on injured reserve.  
**NASHVILLE PREDATORS**—Reassigned D Alexander Sulzer to Milwaukee (AHL).  
**NEW JERSEY DEVILS**—Activated RW David Clarkson from injured reserve. Sent D Matt Corrente to Lowell (AHL).  
**TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING**—Reassigned G Riku Helenius to Norfolk (AHL).  
**VANCOUVER CANUCKS**—Recalled C Alexandre Bolduc from Manitoba (AHL).  
**WASHINGTON CAPITALS**—Acquired LW Jason Chimera from Columbus for RW Chris Clark and D Milan Jurcina.  
**COLLEGE**  
**CALIFORNIA**—Announced the contract of special teams coordinator and tight ends coach Pete Alamar will not be renewed.  
**DUKE**—Named Jim Knowles defensive coordinator/safeties coach. Promoted Marion Hobby to assistant head coach/defensive coordinator and Jim Collins to assistant defensive coordinator/linebackers.  
**NEBRASKA**—Announced G Adrien Coleman is leaving the men's basketball team and planning to transfer.  
**TEXAS TECH**—Suspended football coach Mike Leach indefinitely. Named Ruffin McNeill interim football coach.

## College football

**Bowl schedule**  
**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
**New Mexico Bowl**  
**At Albuquerque**  
Wyoming 35, Fresno State 28, 2OT  
**St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl**  
Rutgers 45, UCF 24  
**Sunday, Dec. 20**  
**New Orleans Bowl**  
Middle Tennessee 42, Southern Miss. 32  
**Tuesday, Dec. 22**  
**Las Vegas Bowl**  
BYU 44, Oregon State 20  
**Wednesday, Dec. 23**  
**Poinsettia Bowl**  
**At San Diego**  
Utah 37, California 27  
**Thursday, Dec. 24**  
**Hawaii Bowl**  
**At Honolulu**  
SMU 45, Nevada 10  
**Saturday, Dec. 26**  
**Little Caesars Pizza Bowl**  
**At Detroit**  
Marshall 21, Ohio 17  
**Meineke Bowl**  
**At Charlotte, N.C.**  
Pittsburgh 19, North Carolina 17  
**Emerald Bowl**  
**At San Francisco**  
Southern Cal 24, Boston College 13  
**Sunday, Dec. 27**  
**Musica City Bowl**  
**At Nashville, Tenn.**  
Clemson 21, Kentucky 13  
**Monday, Dec. 28**  
**Independence Bowl**  
**At Shreveport, La.**  
Georgia 44, Texas A&M 20  
**Tuesday, Dec. 29**  
**EagleBank Bowl**  
**At Washington**  
Temple (9-3) vs. UCLA (6-6)  
**Champs Sports Bowl**  
**At Orlando, Fla.**  
Miami (9-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-3)  
**Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
**Humanitarian Bowl**  
**At Boise, Idaho**  
Bowling Green (7-5) vs. Idaho (7-5)  
**Holiday Bowl**  
**At San Diego**  
Nebraska (9-4) vs. Arizona (8-4)  
**Thursday, Dec. 31**  
**Armed Forces Bowl**  
**At Fort Worth, Texas**  
Air Force (7-5) vs. Houston (10-3)  
**Sun Bowl**  
**At El Paso, Texas**  
Stanford (8-4) vs. Oklahoma (7-5)  
**Texas Bowl**  
**At Houston**  
Missouri (8-4) vs. Navy (9-4)  
**Insight Bowl**  
**At Tempe, Ariz.**  
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Iowa State (6-6)  
**Chick-fil-A Bowl**  
**At Atlanta**  
Virginia Tech (9-3) vs. Tennessee (7-5)  
**Friday, Jan. 1**  
**Outback Bowl**  
**At Tampa, Fla.**  
Northwestern (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5)  
**Capital One Bowl**  
**At Orlando, Fla.**  
Penn State (10-2) vs. LSU (9-3)  
**Gator Bowl**  
**At Jacksonville, Fla.**  
Fla. State (6-6) vs. West Virginia (9-3)  
**Rose Bowl**  
**At Pasadena, Calif.**  
Ohio State (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-2)  
**Sugar Bowl**  
**At New Orleans**  
Florida (12-1) vs. Cincinnati (12-0)  
**Saturday, Jan. 2**  
**International Bowl**  
**At Toronto**  
South Florida (7-5) vs. Northern Illinois (7-5)  
**Cotton Bowl**  
**At Arlington, Texas**  
Oklahoma State (9-3) vs. Mississippi (8-4)  
**PapaJohns.com Bowl**  
**At Birmingham, Ala.**  
Connecticut (7-5) vs. South Carolina (7-5)  
**Liberty Bowl**  
**At Memphis, Tenn.**  
East Carolina (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-5)  
**Alamo Bowl**  
**At San Antonio**  
Michigan State (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (8-4)  
**Monday, Jan. 4**  
**Fiesta Bowl**  
**At Glendale, Ariz.**  
Boise State (13-0) vs. TCU (12-0)

**Tuesday, Jan. 5**  
**Orange Bowl**  
**At Miami**  
Iowa (10-2) vs. Georgia Tech (11-2)  
**Wednesday, Jan. 6**  
**GMAC Bowl**  
**At Mobile, Ala.**  
Central Michigan (11-2) vs. Troy (9-3)  
**Thursday, Jan. 7**  
**BCS National Championship**  
**At Pasadena, Calif.**  
Alabama (13-0) vs. Texas (13-0)  
**Saturday, Jan. 23**  
**East-West Shrine Classic**  
**At Orlando, Fla.**  
East vs. West  
**Saturday, Jan. 30**  
**Senior Bowl**  
**At Mobile, Ala.**  
North vs. South  
**Saturday, Feb. 6**  
**Texas vs. The Nation All-Star Challenge**  
**At El Paso, Texas**  
Texas vs. Nation

**Monday**  
**Georgia 44, Texas A&M 20**  

Texas A&M	0	7	7	6-20
Georgia	0	14	10	20-44

**Second Quarter**  
**TAM**—J.McCoy 15 pass from J.Johnson (Bullock kick), 2:33.  
**Geo**—Boyrkin 81 kickoff return (Walsh kick), 2:22.  
**Geo**—C.King 2 run (Walsh kick), 1:22.  
**Third Quarter**  
**TAM**—Michael 14 run (Bullock kick), 12:35.  
**Geo**—FG Walsh 49, 9:25.  
**Geo**—A.White 24 pass from Cox (Walsh kick), 7:49.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
**Geo**—A.White 2 pass from Cox (Walsh kick), 13:19.  
**Geo**—C.King 1 run (Walsh kick), 9:47.  
**Geo**—Chapas 5 run (kick failed), 4:29.  
**TAM**—Morrow 5 pass from J.Johnson (pass failed), 1:13.  
**A**—49,653.

<b>TAM</b>	<b>Geo</b>
First downs	26
Rushes-yards	33-109
Passing	362
Comp-Att-Int	29-59-2
Return Yards	41
Punts-Avg.	7-29.4
Fumbles-Lost	3-0
Penalties-Yards	6-0
Time of Possession	27:59

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing**—Texas A&M, Michael 15-77, J.Johnson 14-51, Gray 3-5, Team 1-(minus 24).  
**Georgia**, Ealey 13-78, C.King 16-60, Chapas 5-43, Munzenmaier 4-20, Cox 1-6, K.Lanier 1-1.  
**Passing**—Texas A&M, J.Johnson 29-58-2-362, Team 0-1-0-0.  
**Georgia**, Cox 15-28-1-158.  
**Receiving**—Texas A&M, Fuller 7-102, Morrow 5-65, J.McCoy 4-39, Swope 4-31, Nwachukwu 3-38, Tannehill 2-35, K.Brown 2-7, B.Jackson 1-41, Gray 1-4.  
**Georgia**, Green 6-57, Moore 2-34, A.White 2-26, Charles 2-8, C.King 1-32, Chapas 1-4, Ealey 1-(minus 3).

**Recent Independence Bowl winners**  
**Dec. 28, 2008**—Louisiana Tech 17, Northwestern Illinois 10  
**Dec. 30, 2007**—Alabama 30, Colorado 24  
**Dec. 28, 2006**—Oklahoma State 34, Alabama 35  
**Dec. 30, 2005**—Missouri 38, South Carolina 31  
**Dec. 28, 2004**—Iowa State 17, Miami (Ohio) 13  
**Dec. 31, 2003**—Arkansas 27, Missouri 14  
**Dec. 27, 2002**—Mississippi 27, Nebraska 23  
**Dec. 27, 2001**—Alabama 14, Iowa State 13  
**Dec. 31, 2000**—Mississippi State 43, Texas A&M 41, OT  
**Dec. 31, 1999**—Mississippi 27, Oklahoma 25  
**Dec. 31, 1998**—Mississippi 35, Texas Tech 18  
**Dec. 28, 1997**—LSU 27, Notre Dame 9  
**Dec. 31, 1996**—Auburn 32, Army 29  
**Dec. 29, 1995**—LSU 45, Michigan State 26  
**Dec. 28, 1994**—Virginia 20, Texas Christian 10  
**Dec. 31, 1993**—Virginia Tech 45, Indiana 20

## College basketball

**AP Men's Top 25 fared**  
**Monday**  
1. Kansas (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Belmont, Tuesday.  
2. Texas (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Gardner-Webb, Tuesday.  
3. Kentucky (13-0) did not play. Next: vs. Hartford, Tuesday.  
4. Purdue (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Tuesday.  
5. Syracuse (12-0) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Tuesday.  
6. West Virginia (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Tuesday.  
7. Duke (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Long Beach State, Tuesday.  
8. Villanova (11-1) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.  
9. North Carolina (10-3) beat Rutgers 81-67. Next: vs. Albany, N.Y., Wednesday.  
10. Connecticut (9-2) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Wednesday.  
11. Michigan State (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Texas-Arlington, Wednesday.  
12. Kansas State (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cleveland State, Tuesday.  
13. Georgetown (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Thursday.  
14. Tennessee (9-2) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Thursday.  
15. Ohio State (10-2) did not play. Next: at No. 23 Wisconsin, Thursday.  
16. Mississippi (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Jacksonville State, Tuesday.  
17. Washington (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Thursday.  
18. Temple (10-2) beat Bowling Green 63-39. Next: at Northern Illinois, Wednesday.  
19. New Mexico (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Texas Tech, Tuesday.  
20. Texas Tech (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 19 New Mexico, Tuesday.  
21. Clemson (12) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina State, Tuesday.  
22. Florida State (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama A&M, Thursday.  
23. Wisconsin (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Ohio State, Thursday.  
24. UAB (11-1) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Wednesday.  
25. Northwestern (10-1) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Wednesday.

**Monday's men's scores**  
**EAST**  
Brown 74, Kean 63  
George Washington 70, Holy Cross 68  
Harvard 88, MIT 61  
Loyola, Md. 55, Bucknell 49  
N.J. Tech 65, Wagner 56  
Pittsburgh 65, DePaul 52  
St. Peter's 67, Stony Brook 46  
Temple 63, Bowling Green 39  
Vermont 72, Marist 62  
**SOUTH**  
Alabama St. 62, West Alabama 59  
Baldwin-Wallace 96, Thomas More 90  
Centenary 73, Louisiana-Lafayette 68  
Central 80, Emory & Henry 70  
Davidson 79, Penn 50  
Florida 76, American U. 60  
Lehigh 89, Longwood 78  
Lincoln Memorial 117, Temple Baptist 58  
Louisiana-Monroe 99, Southwest 70  
Marshall 78, Troy 75  
Memphis 87, IUPUI 67  
Mississippi St. 73, MVSU 45  
North Carolina 81, Rutgers 67  
Richmond 66, UNC Wilmington 64  
Samford 63, Chicago St. 46  
Talladega 86, Southern U. 84  
Wake Forest 75, UNC Greensboro 60  
**MIDWEST**  
Augsburg 91, George Fox 63  
Ball St. 56, Md.-Eastern Shore 47  
Detroit 82, Shawnee St. 53  
Hastings 96, Northern St., S.D. 74  
IPFW 101, P.Due-N. Central 55  
Indiana 90, Bryant 42  
Loyola of Chicago 63, St. Francis, Ill. 46  
Minn. Duluth 70, Northland Baptist 39  
Morehead St. 66, South Dakota 64  
Oakland, Mich. 106, Alma 57  
UMKC 63, SIU-Edwardsville 54  
Valley City St. 81, Manitoba 80  
Winona St. 83, St. Mary's, Minn. 70  
Wright St. 88, Sam Houston St. 48  
**WEST**  
N. Arizona 64, Texas-Pan American 59  
North Texas 71, Texas Southern 69  
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 97, Okla. Panhandle St. 67  
BYU 99, Arizona 69  
Cal St.-Fullerton 77, CS Bakersfield 70  
Fresno St. 73, Colorado St. 50  
Gonzaga 94, E. Washington 52  
Hawaii 81, Northwestern St. 62

Idaho St. 63, Montana Tech 55  
N. Colorado 72, Denver 57  
Nevada 78, Portland 66  
New Mexico St. 95, Prairie View 76  
Oregon 73, Ark.-Pine Bluff 53  
San Jose St. 78, UC Irvine 68  
**TOURNAMENT**  
**Ashland Holiday Inn Express Classic**  
**First Round**  
Ashland 94, Rio Grande 78  
Northwestern Ohio 83, Aquinas 70  
**Colliers International Golden Bear Classic**  
**First Round**  
California 85, Utah Valley 51  
UC Santa Barbara 72, Furman 60  
**Don Haskins Sun Bowl Invitational**  
**First Round**  
Air Force 77, Niagara 71  
UTEP 93, Norfolk St. 56  
**Otterbein Smokey Ballenger Classic**  
**First Round**  
Capital 81, Denison 48  
Otterbein 74, Hanover 63  
**Monday's women's scores**  
**EAST**  
Iona 85, St. Francis, N.Y. 51  
New Hampshire 42, Canisius 40  
Penn St. 77, Iowa 73, OT  
Robert Morris 57, Santa Clara 56  
Sacred Heart 76, Yale 67  
Syracuse 67, Rider 46  
Tiffin 87, Lake Erie 82  
W. Kentucky 74, George Washington 65  
**SOUTH**  
Clarion 73, Wheeling Jesuit 66  
Connecticut 78, Florida St. 59  
Duke 117, N.C. Central 28  
Florida 78, Ohio 44  
Georgia 59, Clemson 47  
High Point 81, Mercer 71  
Louisiana-Monroe 76, Nicholls St. 53  
Memphis 70, Jackson St. 48  
Middle Tennessee 57, Kentucky 51  
N.C. State 68, Seton Hall 57  
South Alabama 61, Lipscomb 50  
UNC Wilmington 85, Stony Brook 51  
Va. Commonwealth 84, Longwood 64  
Vanderbilt 96, ETSU 83  
**MIDWEST**  
DePaul 63, Illinois St. 61, OT  
Loyola of Chicago 86, Colgate 57  
Missouri 71, North Texas 44  
N. Dakota St. at Creighton, ppd.  
Northwestern 63, Michigan 59  
Ohio St. 76, Illinois 47  
Purdue 51, Minnesota 43  
S. Dakota St. 71, N. Iowa 58  
Temple 55, Akron 43  
Upper Iowa 73, Lewis 71  
Wis.-Green Bay 75, S. Illinois 64  
Wisconsin 62, Michigan St. 54  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Ark.-Little Rock 87, SE Missouri 55  
New Mexico St. 63, UTEP 66  
Oral Roberts 82, Evangel 66  
Rice 51, Northwestern St. 44  
SMU 66, Hofstra 65  
Texas A&M 89, Prairie View 48  
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 81, Houston 76  
Tulsa 78, Cal St.-Fullerton 58  
**FAR WEST**  
Arizona St. 74, Furman 37  
Idaho 47, UC Santa Barbara 40  
UCLA 73, Loyola Marymount 52  
**TOURNAMENT**  
**FIU Sun & Fun Classic**  
**First Round**  
Fla. International 68, Bryant 60  
Georgia Tech 63, Hampton 54  
**Fordham Holiday Classic**  
**First Round**  
Binghamton 49, Fordham 45  
UMBC 66, East Carolina 58  
**Hatter Classic**  
**First Round**  
American U. 54, Buffalo 43  
St. Francis, Pa. 63, Stetson 61  
**Hawk Classic**  
**First Round**  
Boston U. 68, South Carolina 67  
Saint Joseph's 65, Brown 36  
**Maggie Dixon Classic**  
**First Round**  
San Diego 72, Nevada 60  
**Marriott Cavalier Classic**  
**First Round**  
Liberty 70, Cornell 40  
Virginia 69, Samford 60  
**Otterbein Smokey Ballenger Classic**  
**First Round**  
Denison 71, Rose-Hulman 38  
Hanover 73, Otterbein 63  
**San Diego Surf N' Slam**  
**First Round**  
Auburn 51, Valparaiso 50  
San Diego St. 63, Wake Forest 62  
**Surf City Classic**  
**First Round**  
Concordia, Calif. 75, Xavier, NO 69  
**Tulane Doubletree Classic**  
**First Round**  
Texas Tech 81, North Dakota 61  
Tulane 82, Long Island U. 59  
**UM Holiday Tournament**  
**First Round**  
Miami 93, Quinnipiac 48  
Texas 94, Cent. Michigan 83  
**Wildcat Christmas Classic**  
**First Round**  
Drexel 69, Loyola, Md. 58  
Villanova 67, San Francisco 35

**AP Women's Top 25 schedule**  
**Tuesday's games**  
No. 3 Notre Dame at UCF  
No. 7 North Carolina vs. Kennesaw State  
No. 17 Texas vs. Quinnipiac or Miami at BankUnited Center, Coral Gables, Fla.  
No. 20 Pittsburgh vs. Duquesne, 2 p.m.  
No. 23 Virginia vs. Cornell or Liberty  
No. 24 Georgia Tech vs. Bryant or Florida International at US Century Bank Arena, Miami  
No. 25 James Madison vs. Lafayette

## TANK McNAMARA





## PREP, FROM PAGE 30

**Seoul American Falcons senior Thomas Kim approaches the finish line during the boys 3.1-mile individual race in the 2009 DODEA Pacific Far East High School Cross-Country Meet at Gosser Memorial Golf Course, Misawa Air Base, Japan. Kim won the race in 17 minutes, 54 seconds. Kim's victory helped the Falcons win the overall team championship for a second straight year.**

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**Nov. 9-10** — Just call the 2009 DODEA Pacific Far East Cross Country Meet "Seoul Leadership." Senior Thomas Kim won the boys race and freshman Siarria Ingram the girls, then the Falcons placed four pairs in the top 10 of the team relay to win the overall team championship for a second straight year. Led by transfers Josh Hanks and Nicole Solomonson, Osan American swept all three events to seal the Class A team title.

**Nov. 13-14** — DODEA Pacific teams have now won four of the last five Girls Class A Volleyball Tournament titles. Daegu American, which began that run in 2005, won its second title in four years behind the spiking of MVP and Best Hitter Kristina Bergman. Christian Academy In Japan became the lowest-seeded team to win the Class AA

title, its third in five years. CAIJ's championship occurred after Seoul American became the first DODEA Pacific team to earn the top playoff seed in 21 years, and Nile C. Kinnick entered the tournament riding the crest of a school-best 27-0 regular season and school-first Kanto Plain regular-season championship.



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**Kadena Panthers players celebrate after Kadena romped 44-0 over Seoul American in the Far East High School Class AA football championship game at Camp Foster, Okinawa.**

**Nov. 14** — Their encounter the year before came down to the last play, with Seoul American prevailing 22-21 over Kadena. In this year's Far East Class AA football title game, Kadena left nothing to chance, overwhelming the Falcons 44-0 behind two-touchdown performances by Shariff Coleman and Thomas McDonald. Yokota beat Guam High 24-7 to earn third place, capping a season in which the Panthers failed to win either the Kanto or DODEA Japan title for the first time since 1998.

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NBA scoreboard				
Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	23	7	.767	—
Toronto	15	17	.469	9
New York	11	19	.367	12
Philadelphia	8	22	.267	15
New Jersey	2	29	.065	21½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	22	8	.733	—
Atlanta	21	8	.724	½
Miami	16	12	.571	5
Charlotte	12	17	.414	9½
Washington	10	19	.345	11½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	24	8	.750	—
Milwaukee	12	17	.414	10½
Chicago	11	17	.393	11
Detroit	11	19	.367	12
Indiana	9	20	.310	13½
Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	22	9	.710	—
San Antonio	17	11	.607	3½
Houston	13	18	.581	7
Memphis	14	16	.467	7½
New Orleans	13	15	.464	7½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	20	12	.625	—
Portland	20	13	.606	½
Utah	17	13	.567	2
Oklahoma City	16	14	.533	3
Minnesota	10	24	.292	12½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	24	6	.800	—
Phoenix	20	12	.625	5
Sacramento	14	16	.467	10
L.A. Clippers	13	17	.433	11
Golden State	9	19	.300	15
Sunday's games				
Toronto 102, Detroit 95				
Cleveland 108, Houston 83				
San Antonio 95, New York 88				
Miami 114, Indiana 80				
Dallas 104, Denver 96				
L.A. Clippers 92, Boston 90				
Monday's games				
Golden State 103, Boston 99				
Sacramento 106, Denver 101				
Philadelphia 104, Portland 93				
Phoenix 118, L.A. Lakers 103				
Memphis 116, Washington 111, OT				
Oklahoma City 105, New Jersey 89				
Charlotte 94, Milwaukee 84				
Tuesday's games				
Oklahoma City at Washington				
Cleveland at Atlanta				
New York at Detroit				
Indiana at Chicago				
New Orleans at Houston				
Minnesota at San Antonio				
Golden State at L.A. Lakers				
Wednesday's games				
Milwaukee at Orlando				
Memphis at Indiana				
Atlanta at Cleveland				
Charlotte at Toronto				
New York at New Jersey				
Miami at New Orleans				
Utah at Minnesota				
Boston at Phoenix				
L.A. Clippers at Portland				
Philadelphia at Sacramento				
Monday				
Warriors 103, Celtics 99				
<b>BOSTON</b> — R.Allen 10-21 3-5 24, Garnett 7-14 2-16, Perkins 4-5 0-2 8, Rondo 11-18 7-9 30, Allen 3-6 0-1 6, Wallace 2-5 0-0 6, Davis 1-5 1-3, House 2-6 1-1 6, Scalabrine 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-80 14-21 99.				
<b>GOLDEN STATE</b> — Wall 12-24 4-9 5-13, Randolph 7-15 4-4 18, Biedrins 0-4 0-0 0, Curry 0-4 0-1 0, Ellis 15-26 6-8 37, Hunter 0-2 0-0 0, Turiaf 2-4 1-5 5, Watson 4-8 2-4 11, Morrow 5-7 1-1 13, Radmanovic 3-8 0-0 6. Totals 40-87 19-29 103.				
<b>Boston</b> 35 23 18 23—99				
<b>Golden State</b> 22 35 23 23—103				
Three-Point Goals—Boston 5-19 (Wallace 2-5, Rondo 1-3, House 1-4, Allen 1-7), Golden State 4-13 (Morrow 2-3, Watson 1-3, Ellis 1-3, Maggette 0-1, Curry 0-1, Radmanovic 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 52 (Perkins 14), Golden State 52 (Radmanovic 10). Assists—Boston 28 (Rondo 15), Golden State 21 (Watson 7). Total Fouls—Boston 24, Golden State 20. Technicals—Perkins, Boston defensive three second, Turiaf, Golden State defensive three second. A—19,259 (19,596).				
Kings 106, Nuggets 101				
<b>DENVER</b> — Anthony 15-35 3-7 34, Ken. Martin 4-11 2-4 10, Nene 8-11 9-14 25, Lawson 5-13 2-2 12, Afflalo 2-6 0-5 5, Smith 1-9 2-4 4, Andersen 2-3 2-4 6, Carter 2-6 0-5 5. Totals 39-94 20-35 101.				
<b>SACRAMENTO</b> — Casspi 4-9 2-4 11, Thompson 5-12 5-5 15, Hawes 3-7 0-0 6, Udrih 7-17 3-4 17, Greene 6-9 4-4 17, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0, Nocioni 6-7 5-6 21, Rodriguez 2-11 2-4 6, Udoka 3-4 0-2 7, Brockman 3-13 4-4 6. Totals 37-80 25-33 106.				
<b>Denver</b> 32 16 22 31—101				
<b>Sacramento</b> 26 21 28 31—106				
Three-Point Goals—Denver 3-12 (Carter 1-2, Anthony 1-2, Afflalo 1-3, Lawson 0-2, Smith 0-3), Sacramento 7-14 (Nocioni 4-5, Udoka 1-1, Casspi 1-3, Greene 1-3, Udrih 0-1, Rodriguez 0-1). Fouled Out—Smith. Rebounds—Denver 59 (Ken.Martin 12), Sacramento 62 (Thompson 11). Assists—Denver 17 (Lawson 6), Sacramento 22 (Udrih 7). Total Fouls—Denver 27, Sacramento 26. Technicals—Smith. A—14,548 (17,317).				
Calendar				
<b>Jan. 5</b> — 10-day contracts may be signed.				
<b>Jan. 10</b> — Contracts guaranteed for remainder of season.				
<b>Feb. 12-15</b> — All-Star weekend, Dallas.				
<b>Feb. 18</b> — Trade deadline, 3 p.m. EST.				
<b>April 14</b> — Regular season ends.				
<b>April 17</b> — Playoffs begin.				

Reserves lift Suns by Lakers				
The Associated Press				
PHOENIX — Kobe Bryant used harsh language to describe how badly the Lakers beat the Phoenix Suns twice in Los Angeles earlier this season. “And they returned the favor,” he said. Boy did they. The Suns reserves outscored their counterparts 52-31 to help Phoenix rout the reigning NBA champions 118-103 on Monday night. Amare Stoudemire scored 26 points and Jared Dudley matched his career best with 19 for the Suns. Bryant had 34 points but sat out the final 7:50 when the game was deemed out of reach by coach Phil Jackson. “I wasn’t comfortable with my starters or my bench,” Jackson said. “I didn’t like either group. Guys didn’t play right. We had the inside game going for us, yet we just didn’t attack.” Steve Nash had 16 points and 13 assists for the Suns, who led by up to 12 in the second quarter, 19 in the third and 22 in the fourth to improve to 12-2 at home. “They played much better than we did, in a nutshell,” Bryant said. “That’s all it was. They executed very well in transition, we didn’t get back and it gave them a lot of easy opportunities, and that broke the game open.”				
Jackets end nine-game losing skid				
The Associated Press				
COLUMBUS, Ohio — After the longest 5½ weeks in franchise history, the Columbus Blue Jackets finally had reason to smile. Fredrik Modin backhanded in a rebound of his own shot 3:12 into overtime to give Columbus a 1-0 win over the Detroit Red Wings on Monday night, ending the Blue Jackets’ franchise-tying nine-game winless skid. “It feels good to get a win, finally,” Modin said after a wild, celebratory scrum on the ice. “It’s been a struggle. We’ve been trying to find our game here for a long period of time. This is definitely a step in the right direction.” The victory was a relief for Columbus, which had won just two of its previous 19 games. The Blue Jackets had managed just eight goals in their previous six games. Steve Mason had 34 saves for his second shutout of the year.				

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

New Jersey

37

27

9

1

55

110

81

Pittsburgh

39

26

12

1

53

127

101

N.Y. Rangers

38

18

16

4

40

105

106

Philadelphia

38

18

18

2

38

106

109

N.Y. Islanders

40

15

18

7

37

97

125

Northeast Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

Buffalo

38

23

11

4

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103

87

Boston

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19

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94

Ottawa

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109

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Montreal

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107

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Toronto

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14

17

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37

113

139

Southeast Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

Washington

39

24

9

6

54

142

109

Atlanta

38

18

16

4

40

124

121

Florida

40

16

17

7

39

113

128

Tampa Bay

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9

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99

118

Carolina

39

10

22

7

27

99

143

Western Conference

Central Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

Chicago

38

26

9

3

55

117

79

Nashville

39

22

14

3

47

112

114

Detroit

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101

St. Louis

38

17

16

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107

Columbus

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108

136

Northwest Division

GP

W

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OT

Pts

GF

GA

Colorado

40

22

12

6

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Calgary

38

21

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107

95

Vancouver

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23

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123

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Minnesota

39

20

16

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104

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Edmonton

39

15

20

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34

110

131

Pacific Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

San Jose

39

24

8

7

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130

101

Phoenix

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24

13

3

51

105

90

Los Angeles

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3

47

116

115

Dallas

38

16

11

11

43

111

117

Anaheim

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122

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's games

Boston 2, Florida 1

Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Islanders 1

Buffalo 5, St. Louis 3

Chicago 5, Nashville 4

Toronto 4, Pittsburgh 3

Vancouver 5, Calgary 1

Monday's games

New Jersey 3, Atlanta 2

Columbus 1, Detroit 0, OT

Carolina 6, Washington 3

Ottawa 4, Montreal 2

Tampa Bay 2, Boston 1

Calgary 4, Edmonton 1

San Jose 3, Phoenix 2, SO

Minnesota 4, Los Angeles 3

Tuesday's games

Pittsburgh at Buffalo

Columbus at N.Y. Islanders

Nashville at St. Louis

Chicago at Dallas

Vancouver at Phoenix

Minnesota at Anaheim

Wednesday's games

Atlanta at Boston

Colorado at Ottawa

Montreal at Tampa Bay

Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers

Pittsburgh at New Jersey

Toronto at Edmonton

Los Angeles at Calgary

Washington at San Jose

Monday

Devils 3, Thrashers 2

Atlanta

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—2

New Jersey

2

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1

—3

First Period

—1, Atlanta, Kovalchuk 23 (Reasoner, Enstrom), 9:43. 2, New Jersey, Parise 16 (Bergfors, Greene), 10:46. 3, New Jersey, C.White 2 (Zajac, Bergfors), 16:34.

Third Period

—4, New Jersey, Parise 17 (Elias, Langenbrunner), 5:09 (pp.). 5, Atlanta, Reasoner 4 (Kubina), 7:28.

Shots on Goal

—Atlanta 9-8-9—26, New Jersey 13-7-6—26.

Power-play opportunities

—Atlanta 0 of 1; New Jersey 1 of 2.

Goalies

—Atlanta, Hedberg 9-6-1 (26 shots-23 saves). New Jersey, Brodeur 24-9-1 (26-24).

A—17,024 (17,625). T—2:20.

Blue Jackets 1, Red Wings 0 (OT)

Detroit

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—0-0

Columbus

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Overtime

—1, Columbus, Modin 1 (Tytin, Pahlsson), 3:12.

Shots on Goal

—Detroit 6-16-10—2-34, Columbus 10-16-10—4-40.

Power-play opportunities

—Detroit 0 of 4; Columbus 0 of 3.

Goalies

—Detroit, Howard 12-8-2 (40 shots-39 saves). Columbus, Mason 11-13-5 (34-34).

A—18,421 (18,144). T—2:29.

Hurricanes 6, Capitals 3

Carolina

3

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2

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Washington

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2

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—3

First Period

—1, Carolina, Ruutu 11 (Staal, Whitney), 7:44 (pp.). 2, Carolina, Staal 7 (Cullen, Jokinen), 10:14. 3, Carolina, Jokinen 11 (Cullen, Staal), 14:30.

Second Period

—4, Washington, Green 9 (Fleischman, Ovechkin), 1:14 (pp.). 5, Carolina, Sutter 4 (Ruutu), 3:32. 6, Washington, Fehr 9 (Laich), 12:56.

Third Period

—7, Washington, Ovechkin 26 (Green, Semin), 1:22 (pp.). 8, Carolina, Samsonov 7 (Staal, Jokinen), 10:00. 9, Carolina, Staal 8, 18:28 (en).

Shots on Goal

—Carolina 10-9-7—26, Washington 4-15-12—31.

Power-play opportunities

—Carolina 1 of 4; Washington 2 of 5.

Goalies

—Carolina, C.Ward 5-13-5 (31 shots-28 saves). Washington, Theodore 9-6-4 (25-20).

A—18,277 (18,277). T—2:18.

Senators 4, Canadiens 2

Montreal

2

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—2

Ottawa

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—4

First Period

—1, Montreal, Cammalleri 19 (A.Kostitsyn, Markov), 4:59. 2, Montreal, Pouliot 3 (Gionta, Gomez), 9:50. 3, Ottawa, Reggin 4 (Neil, Campoli), 12:48.

Second Period

—4, Ottawa, Shannon 2 (Regin), 15:33 (pp).

Third Period

—5, Ottawa, Neil 6 (Fisher), 6:15. 6, Ottawa, Campoli 2, 19:14 (en).

Shots on Goal

—Montreal 13-8-10—31, Ottawa 11-9-8—28.

Power-play opportunities

—Montreal 0 of 0; Ottawa 1 of 5.

Goalies

—Montreal, Halak 10-6-0 (27 shots-24 saves). Ottawa, Leclaire 10-6-1 (31-29).

A—20,369 (19,153). T—2:28.

Lightning 2, Bruins 1

Boston

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Tampa Bay

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—2

First Period

—1, Tampa Bay, Tanguay 6 (Lecavalier, Foster), 18:59.

Second Period

—2, Tampa Bay, St. Louis 8 (Foster, Stamkos), 19:48 (pp).

Third Period

—3, Boston, Sturm 12 (Savard, Charr), 12:30.

Shots on Goal

—Boston 10-6-16—32, Tampa Bay 7-24-8—39.

Power-play opportunities

—Boston 0 of 3; Tampa Bay 1 of 5.

Goalies

—Boston, Thomas 10-9-5 (39 shots-37 saves). Tampa Bay, Smith 8-10-5 (32-31).

A—16,926 (19,758). T—2:30.

Flames 4, Oilers 1

Calgary

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Edmonton

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First Period

—1, Edmonton, Potlun 8 (Strudwick, Stone), 2:02. 2, Calgary, Bourque 11 (Dawes, Jokinen), 18:58.

Second Period

—3, Calgary, Bourque 12 (Jokinen, Boyd), 9:22 (pp).

Third Period

—4, Calgary, Bourque 13 (Langkow), 5:37 (sh). 5, Calgary, Giordano 4 (Conroy), 7:06.

Shots on Goal

—Calgary 5-9-9—23, Edmonton 16-15-4—35.

Power-play opportunities

—Calgary 1 of 5; Edmonton 0 of 5.

Goalies

—Calgary, Kiprusoff 19-10-5 (35 shots-34 saves). Edmonton, Deslauriers 8-10-2 (23-19).

A—16,839 (16,839). T—2:32.

Wild 4, Kings 3

Minnesota

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Los Angeles

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Second Period

—1, Minnesota, Havlat 7 (Belanger), 4:23. 2, Los Angeles, Doughty 9 (Richardson, Parse), 11:36. 3, Minnesota, Johnson 4 (Brunette, Koivu), 15:00 (pp.). 4, Minnesota, Belanger 7 (Nolan, Clutterbuck), 18:58.

Third Period

—5, Los Angeles, Johnson 4 (Doughty, Handzus), 2:28 (pp.). 6, Los Angeles, Parse 5 (Richardson, Simmonds), 17:23. 7, Minnesota, Belanger 8 (Clutterbuck, Zidlicky), 17:35.

Shots on Goal

—Minnesota 10-9-4—23, Los Angeles 13-10-9—32.

Power-play opportunities

—Minnesota 1 of 2; Los Angeles 1 of 1.

Goalies

—Minnesota, Backstrom 18-12-3 (32 shots-29 saves). Los Angeles, Quick 20-13-3 (23-19).

A—18,118 (18,118). T—2:17.

Sharks 3, Coyotes 2 (SO)

Phoenix

0

2

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—2

San Jose

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—3

San Jose won shootout 1-0

First Period

—1, San Jose, Setoguchi 10 (McLaren, Blake), 2:54.

Second Period

—2, San Jose, Pavelski 7, 5:17 (sh). 3, Phoenix, Prucha 7 (Jovanovski, Hanzal), 9:20. 4, Phoenix, Doan 10 (Upshall), 18:22.

Shootout

—Phoenix 0 (Mueller NG, Vrbata NG, Lang NG), San Jose 1 (Pavelski G, Boyle NG).

Shots on Goal

—Phoenix 9-14-6-4—33, San Jose 10-8-19-1—38.

Power-play opportunities

—Phoenix 0 of 3; San Jose 0 of 3.

Goalies

—Phoenix, Bryzgalov 22-10-3 (38 shots-36 saves). San Jose, Nabokov 21-5-7 (33-31).

A—17,562 (17,496). T—2:37.

Scoring leaders

Through Dec. 28

GP

G

A

PTS

Joe Thornton, SJ

39

10

44

54

Henrik Sedin, Van

39

18

32

50

Alex Ovechkin, Was

31

26

23

49

Marian Gaborik, NYR

36

26

23

49

Sidney Crosby, Pit

38

23

24

47

Nicklas Backstrom, Was

39

15

30

45

Dany Heatley, SJ

39

23

21

44

Tomas Plekanec, Mon

41

8

36

44

Martin St. Louis, TB

39

8

35

43

Ilya Kovalchuk, Atl

32

23

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Zach Parise, NJ

37

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25

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Patrick Kane, Chi

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Brad Richards, Dal

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Patrick Marleau, SJ

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Corey Perry, Anh

38

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41

Calendar

Jan. 1

— Winter Classic: Philadelphia Flyers vs. Boston Bruins at Fenway Park.

Feb. 15-Feb. 28

— Olympic break.

April 11

— Regular season ends.



# Independence Bowl Georgia tops Texas A&M

The Associated Press

SHREVEPORT, La. — Joe Cox threw two touchdown passes, Caleb King added two rushing scores and Georgia beat mistake-prone Texas A&M 44-20 on Monday in the Independence Bowl.

Cox completed touchdown passes of 24 and 2 yards to Aron White in the second half as the Bulldogs (8-5) pulled away for their fourth straight bowl victory. It was the fourth straight postseason loss for the Aggies (6-7), who have not won a bowl since 2001.

Georgia blocked two kicks, Brandon Boykin tied the Southeastern Conference record with his third kickoff return of the season and Cox threw his first touchdown pass after the snap sailed over the Texas A&M punter's head in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs sealed the victory by intercepting Jerrod Johnson twice in the third quarter.

White tied the Independence Bowl record for touchdown receptions, sharing it with four others.

Special teams led directly to 24 points for the Bulldogs, who also blocked an early field-goal attempt and got a 49-yard field goal from Blair Walsh.

The game was billed as an offensive showdown, but a shootout never developed. The teams had more punts than first downs in the first 25 minutes of the game.

# Criticism: If Colts win Super Bowl, fans would likely forgive, forget

## CRITICISM, FROM BACK PAGE

make a decision you have to live with it," he said. "Certainly you weigh all the options before. You take a look at all the things that could occur, but once that decision is done you just keep moving."

Indy fans aren't ready to move on just yet.

After celebrating record after record during an unprecedented 23-game winning streak and feeling like they had a personal stake in the pursuit of perfection, they showered Lucas Oil Stadium with boos over the final 20 minutes Sunday. Pro Bowl receiver Reggie Wayne joked to a local television station that Indy might be the first 14-1 team to get booed at home.

In time, fans will likely calm down, and if the Colts win the Super Bowl, all will be forgiven.

"Ultimately, what matters the most is what happens in the postseason," Denver Broncos coach Josh McDaniels said. "So, I think their season is going to be determined by what they do once the playoffs start, not what happened yesterday."

The controversy has stoked passions among Indy sports fans and on the national stage unlike anything this community has seen since the firing of Bob Knight in 2000 or The Brawl in Detroit in 2004.

Yes, everybody has an opinion, but the only ones that really matter are voiced in the locker room — and they support Caldwell.

"You get people who think you should have gone for it and people who think we

did a disservice to the NFL by not playing our guys," said left tackle Charlie Johnson, who was deactivated for Sunday's game because of a foot injury. "But I think you have to look at the decisions coach Caldwell has made up to this point and trust him."

The decision also could have ramifications on the playoff race.

The Jets now have control, thanks to Sunday's victory, and teams such as Pittsburgh or Houston could end up missing the playoffs because the Colts rested key players.

"Obviously I would have loved to have seen them win that game," Houston coach Gary Kubiak said. "But for us it really doesn't matter. We have to worry about taking care of our business. ... They've got to do what they think they got to do. But we've got to worry about ourselves."

Caldwell and team president Bill Polian, the architect of the Colts, insist they did what was best for the team. Their goal, Polian and Caldwell continue to insist, is to win the Super Bowl — not go 16-0. And the best way to accomplish that, they believe, is to be healthy.

So they sat the starters for the final 20 minutes, allowing the Jets to rally for a 29-15 victory. They're likely to sit even longer this weekend in Buffalo.

"The perfect season was never an issue with us," Polian said after the game. "We've said it time and time and time again. It's somebody else's issue, but not ours. That was of no concern. Football logic has to come into play, and that logic is it makes no

sense to have guys out there with the potential for injuries."

Fans didn't buy Polian's contention.

Callers to radio shows repeatedly questioned Indy's tack. Some asked for refunds. Others described Polian as "arrogant" and one fan said the team "spit in our face." One talk show host read an e-mail on the air that said the Colts didn't lose Sunday's game, they forfeited it, and many brought up the Colts' previous postseason failures.

In three of the past four years, Indianapolis did not win a playoff game. The other time, the Colts won the Super Bowl.

It's a tricky question.

Oakland defensive lineman Richard Seymour, who played on the New England Patriots team that went undefeated in the 2007 regular season, and Tennessee Titans coach Jeff Fisher, who had the last team to lose a game in 2008, believe organizations have to make the decision that is best for them, even though Fisher said he would play his starters if he were 14-0.

So will Caldwell's decision be worth it? Maybe.

"I think everybody really had the sense that if they played their players they would win the next two games. They didn't," Fisher said. "But I think we have to wait and see and then go back and ask yourself that question. Just wait and see what happens in the playoffs."

Associated Press sports writers Teresa Walker in Nashville, Tenn., Josh Dubow in Oakland, Calif., Kristie Rieken in Houston and Pat Graham in Denver also contributed to this story.

# History: Resting regulars ineffective in 2005, 2007 seasons

## HISTORY, FROM BACK PAGE

him, and snatched an easy 29-15 victory as Manning fumed on the sidelines.

And just like that, the Colts' opportunity to achieve a perfect 19-0 season was gone. The Colts had a rare chance to be a forever team, one that would have been remembered and saluted through history. But by going to the bullpen for Painter, Caldwell basically forfeited the opportunity.

It was a strange time for an intervention. Even when trying to take Caldwell's concerns into consideration, I can't imagine why a quality leader would intentionally choose to break his team's winning streak.

This wasn't all up to Caldwell; clearly the coach was following an organizational policy. Caldwell's predecessor, Tony Dungy, used the same protective strategy with Manning. And Indianapolis team president and GM Bill Polian strongly endorses the extra security measures. Polian remembers how the Colts lost valuable linebacker Cornelius Bennett to a hand injury in the final regular-season game in 1999, only to see his defense bowled over by Tennessee running back Eddie George in a divisional-

round upset.

After Sunday's game, Caldwell and Polian each made it clear that winning the Super Bowl is the only priority. And a Manning injury would destroy that dream.

Sorry, but it isn't so simple.

If Caldwell wanted to pull Manning early from a blowout (either way), fine. If the Colts were playing a poor-weather game on a slippery field, fine. If Manning was having a terrible day, fine. If Caldwell wanted to limit Manning's exposure because the Jets were pounding him, fine. And if Manning was nursing some kind of late-season injury, fine. But none of those factors was in play. Health just isn't an issue with Peyton; since entering the NFL in 1998 he's never missed a game due to injury.

Question: If the Colts had so much fear of Manning being victimized by a hard hit, or hard luck, or both, then why did he even start Sunday? He was exposed to risk. But the Colts did an excellent job of keeping the Jets away; Manning was hit one time Sunday (no sacks). In setting up to throw 563 passes this season, Manning has been sacked only 10 times.

But even if you wanted to give Caldwell

and Polian the benefit of the doubt, there's a sizable hole in their rationale: The Colts didn't hesitate to put Manning in a position of potential peril while completing routs of overmatched opponents this season.

On Sept. 27, when the Colts beat Arizona, 31-10, Manning completed a pass for 17 yards (on fourth down, no less) just before the two-minute warning. On Oct. 4, Manning was still firing passes late in the fourth quarter with the Colts up on Seattle by 31 points. The Colts were ahead by 22 points at Tennessee on Oct. 11 when Manning attempted three consecutive passes with fewer than six minutes remaining. And on Oct. 25 at the Edward Jones Dome, Manning went the distance — even throwing a TD pass with 3:42 remaining — as the Colts bullied the Rams 42-6.

I'm confused. Was a fluke injury not possible in those lopsided contests?

Why change now? There is nothing in the Colts' recent history that suggests — much less confirms — that the safety-first policy leads to postseason success.

Dungy rested key players in the final two games of the 2005 regular season, only to have the Colts bumped off by Pittsburgh

in the divisional round. Dungy rested key regulars in the final regular-season game of 2007, but the Colts lost to San Diego in their first postseason game. But in 2006, with the Colts striving for a more advantageous playoff seed, Manning played all the way through, taking every snap. And without a rest stop, the Colts ran the table during the 2006 postseason to capture their only Super Bowl championship in the Manning Era.

Recent Super Bowl champs — Pittsburgh in 2005, the New York Giants in 2007 — were wild-card entries who had no choice but to go all out. Both teams had to win three postseason road games just to advance to the Super Bowl.

NFL coaches and GMs are peculiar cats. They'll bench or cut players who don't give the maximum effort. They won't tolerate quitters. They have no stomach for weakness.

But when presented with an opportunity to build on an undefeated record that could have led to the Colts being lauded as a team for the ages, Caldwell and Polian became everything that coaches and GMs claim to despise. They refused to compete.

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## Top Scores for Week 16

234	ShoSmooth	4-9 Cav, 2nd BCT, 1st CAV DIV
224	greywolfe	Schofield Barracks
222	Burgyrb	Camp Victory, Iraq
220	BIG CHRIS-E	Mannheim
218	Hard Hitter35	TF 14TH MED
216	Are we there yet	
216	wagsvegas	Langley
214	Quin1122	Heidelberg
214	Pilgrim Pride Colin Grant Jr	Yokota
214	RED_BULL	39TH SIGNAL

## Top 10 Overall Scores

2940	BOBAMFRED	Campbell Bks.
2924	PETE	GRAFENWOEHR
2908	'Hawks Dominate	NAS Whidbey Island
2908	creole_long	DIA
2896	yahtzee	Spangdahlem AB
2890	Special K	Osan AB
2888	19ESC SGS	Camp Henry
2888	Kiwi	Camp Zama
2884	wagsvegas	Langley
2882	HomeBrew	KES

## NFL WEEK 16: BEARS 36, VIKINGS 30 (OT)

## American Conference

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
x-New England	10	5	0	.667	400 251
N.Y. Jets	8	7	0	.533	311 236
Miami	7	8	0	.467	336 360
Buffalo	5	10	0	.333	228 319
<b>South</b>					
x-Indianapolis	14	1	0	.933	409 277
Houston	8	7	0	.533	354 306
Jacksonville	7	8	0	.467	273 357
Tennessee	7	8	0	.467	337 389
<b>North</b>					
x-Cincinnati	10	5	0	.667	305 254
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	370 248
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	338 300
Cleveland	4	11	0	.267	222 358
<b>West</b>					
x-San Diego	12	3	0	.800	431 300
Denver	8	7	0	.533	302 280
Oakland	5	10	0	.333	184 358
Kansas City	3	12	0	.200	250 400

## American Conference

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
y-Philadelphia	11	4	0	.733	429 313
y-Dallas	10	5	0	.667	337 250
N.Y. Giants	8	7	0	.533	395 383
Washington	4	11	0	.267	246 313
<b>South</b>					
x-New Orleans	13	2	0	.867	500 318
Atlanta	8	7	0	.533	343 315
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	292 298
Tampa Bay	3	12	0	.200	234 380
<b>North</b>					
x-Minnesota	11	4	0	.733	426 305
y-Green Bay	10	5	0	.667	428 290
Chicago	6	9	0	.400	290 352
Detroit	2	13	0	.133	239 457
<b>West</b>					
x-Arizona	10	5	0	.667	368 292
San Francisco	7	8	0	.467	302 275
Seattle	5	10	0	.333	267 373
St. Louis	1	14	0	.067	169 408

## x-clinched division

## y-clinched playoff spot

## Friday's game

## San Diego 42, Tennessee 17

## Sunday's games

Atlanta 31, Buffalo 3  
Houston 27, Miami 20  
Green Bay 48, Seattle 10  
Carolina 41, N.Y. Giants 9  
Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 20  
Tampa Bay 20, New Orleans 17, OT  
Cleveland 23, Oakland 9  
Cincinnati 17, Kansas City 10  
New England 35, Jacksonville 7  
San Francisco 20, Detroit 6  
Arizona 31, St. Louis 10  
N.Y. Jets 29, Indianapolis 15  
Philadelphia 30, Denver 27  
Dallas 17, Washington 0

## Monday's game

## Chicago 36, Minnesota 30, OT

## Sunday, Jan. 3

Chicago at Detroit  
Pittsburgh at Miami  
New England at Houston  
Indianapolis at Buffalo  
San Francisco at St. Louis  
Atlanta at Tampa Bay  
New Orleans at Carolina  
Jacksonville at Cleveland  
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota  
Tennessee at Seattle  
Philadelphia at Dallas  
Washington at San Diego  
Baltimore at Oakland  
Green Bay at Arizona  
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets

## Monday

## Bears 36, Vikings 30 (OT)

Minnesota	0	0	13	17	0-30
Chicago	3	13	7	7	6-36

## First Quarter

## Chi—FG Gould 22, 7:24.

## Second Quarter

## Chi—FG Gould 42, 13:23.

## Chi—Olsen 7 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 5:56.

## Third Quarter

## Min—Peterson 1 run (kick blocked), 8:17.

## Chi—Clark 2 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 6:30.

## Min—Shiancoe 6 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 1:18.

## Fourth Quarter

## Min—FG Longwell 41, 12:10.

## Min—Peterson 1 run (Longwell kick), 5:49.

## Chi—Bennett 20 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 4:55.

## Min—Rice 6 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), :16.

## Overtime

## Chi—Aromashodu 39 pass from Cutler, 9:15.

## A—62,479.

	Min	Chi
First downs	26	19
Total Net Yards	423	363
Rushes-yards	33-123	28-105
Passing	3-21	300
Punt Returns	2-3	3-6
Kickoff Returns	6-139	7-214
Interceptions Ret.	1-(2)	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	26-40-0	20-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-21	2-15
Punts	6-35.5	5-45.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-47	3-31
Time of Possession	36:25	29:20

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

## Rushing—Minnesota, Peterson 24-94,

## Taylor 8-29, Harvin 1-0, Chicago, Forte 21-

## 74, Bell 4-21, Cutler 3-10.

## Passing—Minnesota, Favre 26-40-0-

## 321, Chicago, Cutler 20-35-1-273.

## Receiving—Minnesota, Rice 6-56,

## Harvin 4-40, Shiancoe 4-40, Berrian 3-58,

## Peterson 3-43, Taylor 2-26, Kleinsasser 2-

## 22, Lewis 1-27, Dugan 1-9, Chicago, Aro-

## mashodu 7-150, Clark 5-39, Olsen 3-47,

## Bennett 3-35, R.Davis 1-9, Forte 1-(minus

## 7).

## Mixed field goals—Chicago, Gould 45

## (WR).

## Vikings concerned after defeat

## Loss to Bears is NFC North champions' third in four games

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Brett Favre issued a warning, Jared Allen wanted to curse and Adrian Peterson simply felt ill.

The Minnesota Vikings lost again Monday night, beaten by the Chicago Bears 36-30 when Jay Cutler tossed a 39-yard strike to Devin Aromashodu in overtime. It was the Vikings' third loss in four games and gave the New Orleans Saints homefield advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

"Each man on this team needs to go home and look at himself in the mirror and figure out what we want to be this year," Allen said afterward, "an 11-5 team or a 12-4 team that makes noise in the playoffs."

The Vikings looked like Super Bowl contenders just a few weeks ago, but now even Favre is ex-

pressing concern about the team as it heads into the playoffs.

"We have to play better than we did the last few weeks or we'll be home fairly quickly," Favre said. "I'm just being honest as I can be."

Playing for the first time since the sideline spat between the star quarterback and coach Brad Childress, the Vikings' late rally wasn't enough.

After Favre's stunning fourth-down pass to leaping Sidney Rice in the end zone with 16 seconds left in regulation, Cutler threw the winner with just over 9 minutes left in overtime to prevent the Vikings (11-4) from locking up a first-round playoff bye.

Nick Roach recovered a fumble by Adrian Peterson following a catch, setting up Cutler's fourth touchdown pass of the game.

Chicago's Robbie Gould had a chance to win it on the first possession of overtime but missed a

45-yard field goal attempt.

The Bears (6-9) pulled it out a few minutes later, though, after Hunter Hillenmeyer knocked the ball away from Peterson. Cutler found Aromashodu, who had beaten Antoine Winfield, and the Bears won for just the third time in 11 games.

"It's good for the team, it's good for the morale of going out there and putting up points and answering the bell, especially in the fourth quarter and overtime when you have to do it," Cutler said.

Favre has never led a team to a victory after trailing by 17 points or more, falling to 0-43. The Bears were up 23-6 in the third quarter and the Vikings were able to tie it twice.

Minnesota can lock up a bye with a victory over the New York Giants (8-7) next week and loss or tie by Philadelphia (11-4), or with a tie and an Eagles loss.



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

"We have to play better than we did the last few weeks or we'll be home (from the playoffs) fairly quickly," said Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre, who was 26-for-40 for 321 yards and two TDs on Monday.

## NFL briefs

## Group says Redskins have satisfied Rooney Rule

The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — The Washington Redskins have interviewed one of the team's assistants for the head coaching position, the head of the group that monitors the Rooney Rule said Monday.

Fritz Pollard Alliance chairman John Wooten said secondary coach Jerry Gran interviewed with owner Dan Snyder several weeks ago for the job that is currently held by Jim Zorn.

Wooten said the interview satisfies the Rooney Rule that requires teams to talk to a minority candidate when filling a head coaching position. Wooten said it didn't matter that the job is not yet vacant.

The news reaffirms the expectation Snyder will fire Zorn next week and replace him quickly. Former Denver coach Mike Shanahan is considered the favorite.

Zorn is nearing the end of his second season with the team. The Redskins are 4-11 with one game to play.

Last week, Gray gave confusing answers when asked whether he had interviewed for the job. He initially appeared to deny he had interviewed, then later amended the answer to "no comment."

In other NFL news:

■ New Cleveland Browns president Mike Holmgren has not decided if coach Eric Mangini will be back next season.

Holmgren, who signed a five-year contract to try and fix the Browns, said he will wait until he arrives in Cleveland next week before making any changes. Holmgren plans to meet with Mangini after the Browns (4-11)

complete their season.

■ Steelers safety Troy Polamalu may not be ready to play Sunday in Miami.

Polamalu, out for the last six games and most of a seventh with a left knee injury, began running in a straight line only Monday. He has yet to begun cutting, turning or twisting, moves needed to play in a game.

■ New Orleans Saints defensive end Bobby McCray was arrested early Tuesday and charged with driving while intoxicated and other counts, police said.

Police spokesman Gary Flot said McCray was stopped by an officer who saw him speeding about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday. He was booked into Orleans Parish Prison on charges of driving while

intoxicated, speeding, careless operation of a motor vehicle and not having his vehicle registration with him.

McCray refused to take a breathalyzer test, police spokesman Janssen Valencia said.

A person suspected of driving drunk in Louisiana and refusing the breath test automatically loses his license for one year.

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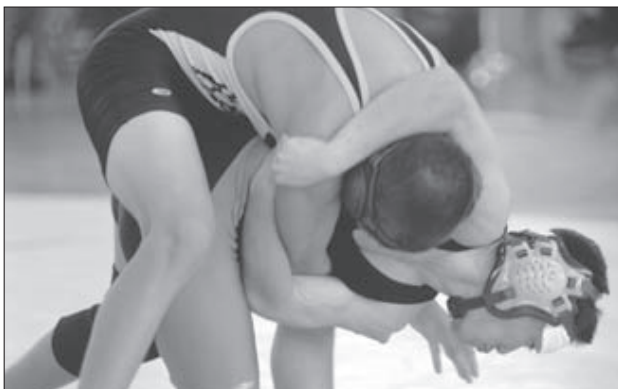
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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

## 09 YEAR IN REVIEW

**Jan. 10** — Two wrestlers who would go on to win Far East Tournament gold medals hit bumps in the road at the Nile C. Kinnick "Beast of the Far East" Invitational Tournament at Yokosuka Naval Base. Eventual 122-pound Far East champion Scott Wood of Kubasaki lost by decision to Yokota's Nick Guzman. Meanwhile, soon-to-be-two-time 148-pound Far East champion Harry Bloom of Kadena and Elias Labrador of Zama American sparked what would become a huge Far East tournament rivalry, with Labrador decisioning Bloom 2-1. "Things work out best for the people who make the best of the way things work out," Labrador said afterward.



Dave Ornauer/Stars and Stripes

**Kubasaki's Scott Wood, right, became only the second four-time Far East gold medalist in the wrestling tournament's history.**



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

**American School In Japan senior Gwen Thornton runs the 100 hurdles during the Kanto Plain Invitational Track and Field Meet at Oi Pier Ground, Tokyo. Thornton closed her career, winning the hurdles in 15.98, one of four golds she won on the day, two of them in league- and meet-record time.**

**May 16** — American School In Japan enjoyed its finest track and field hour, sweeping the boys and girls team titles and shattering four league and meet records in the Kanto Plain Invitational Track and Field Meet. Gwen Thornton beat her own 400 record in 57.58, then anchored the Mustangs' 1,600 relay record of 4:09.87, besting the old mark by nearly 5 seconds. ASIJ's boys 1,600 relay team won in record time, 3:28.59. And junior Sam Krauth finally solved the puzzle that was Zama American's All-American senior Andrew Quallio, beating him in the 1,500 in 4:06.5, topping Quallio's old record of 4:10.3 set the week before in the league finals.

**Feb. 20-21** — International schools nearly ran the table, capturing three of four Far East Basketball Tournament titles. The most surprising was St. Mary's International's 38-36 edging of host Yokota in the Boys Class AA Tournament final 35-33, a day after the Titans dethroned Seoul American with a stunning 62-36 semifinal victory. In Girls Class AA, MVP Janel Long paced Faith Academy to its eighth Far East girls title and fifth Class AA crown in 15 years, 50-47 over Seoul American. Morrison Christian Academy won its third Boys Class A title, dethroning Yongsan International-Seoul 55-47. The only DODEA Pacific team to win a title was Osan American, which won the Girls Class A title, edging Robert D. Edgren 41-37 in the final.

**May 18-22** — Zama American hadn't won a Far East Girls Tournament title of any kind since volleyball in 1997. That ended when Aubrey and Mallarie Ashliman and the Trojans survived a penalty-kick shootout to edge host Kubasaki 2-1 for the Class AA Soccer Tournament title. Osan American's girls completed the second sweep of Class A titles in volleyball, basketball and soccer in school history, coming out of the loser's bracket to twice beat Matthew C. Perry in the tournament final. In another tight title match, goalkeeper Sho Hamano stopped shot after shot to backstop Christian Academy In Japan to its third Boys Class AA title and fourth Far East crown overall 1-0 over Hong Kong International. It marked the first time an Okinawa team had not won either the Girls or Boys Class AA title. Yongsan International-Seoul easily repeated its Boys Class A crown, easily beating Robert D. Edgren 8-0.

**Oct. 31-Nov. 7** — If the high-octane Class A football final seemed epic, the game Daegu American had to win to get to the title game was even better. Antoine Feagin's touchdown and two-point conversion helped the Warriors edge Osan American 30-28 in overtime to earn Korea's Class A title-game berth against Zama American. In that final, the teams combined for 72 first-half points, but even-



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**St. Mary's International guard Toni Taniguchi, left, dribbles against Seoul American's Trinadai Stansel during a semifinal game in the 2009 Far East High School Boys Class AA Tournament.**



**Osan American sophomore midfielder Jasmine Pressley (21) heads the ball in front of Matthew C. Perry forward Anne Naseer during the Far East High School Girls Class A Soccer Tournament championship. The Cougars captured the title and matched the school's feat of titles in volleyball, basketball and soccer in the same school year.**

DAVE ORNAUER/Stripes

ually the Trojans' defense buckled down and held Daegu scoreless in the second half, allowing Zama American's offense to rally for a 46-38 triumph. Michael Spencer rushed for DODEA Pacific football playoff records of 45 carries, 312 yards and 4 touchdowns as the Trojans won their first Far East boys team title of any kind since capturing the wrestling crown in 1979.

**Feb. 13-14** — Wood went on to become just the second four-time champion in Far East Tournament history. He and James McDowell (141) won gold medals as Kubasaki surprised the Class AA individual-freestyle field by capturing the team title with 74 points to Kadena's 58. "Flying under the radar was certainly fine with us," said Kubasaki coach Terry Chumley. Osan American's Jesse Crockett (215) and Michael Gilliam (heavyweight) each earned gold and the Cougars won the first Class A tournament title in school history. Kadena rebounded in the dual-meet tournament, as Cody Reyes (158) won the clinching bout and the Panthers routed Kinnick 45-14 in the most lopsided final in tournament history.



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**Kadena Panthers sophomore sprinter Shariff Coleman pounds for home with the baton as sophomore teammate Thomas McDonald (127) exults in the background during the boys 400-meter relay in the 7th Alva W. "Mike" Petty Memorial Track and Field Meet at Mike Petty Stadium, Kubasaki High School, Camp Foster, Okinawa. Kadena broke its own two-year-old meet record, clocking 45.18 seconds.**

**April 3-4** — Seoul Track Club enjoyed a huge coming-out party in the Mike Petty Memorial Track and Field Meet. Thomas Kim, Kristy Taylor, Mark Lieberg and eighth-grader Siarria Ingram each won two golds and STC finished second in the boys and girls standings, totaling 140 points, 9½ behind overall champion Kubasaki. Three meet records fell: Zion Christian Academy's Sarah Wilson broke her own 400 record in 59.22 seconds; Kadena's boys beat their own 400 relay mark with a 45.18; and Ingram's 2:28.22 beat the old girls 800 record.

**Nov. 12** — With a sweep of the boys and girls singles and doubles titles, Kadena reached the zenith of a four-year Far East High School Tennis Tournament run. Senior Kyle Sprow beat teammate Elliot Mason for his unprecedented third straight boys singles title, then teamed with him for the boys doubles. Senior Elissa Mason survived two nearly two-hour matches against Seoul American's Kennedy Allen in the singles and doubles finals, with Mason winning her second straight singles and pairing with Christin Gentz for the doubles title. Kadena beat Seoul American 56-50 for the team crown. Two weeks before, in the Kanto Plain tournament, Yokota freshman Erika Youngdahl became the first DODEA Japan player to win a singles title in that event.

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## MILITARY SPORTS

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Yokota Warriors forward Denise Juzang, left, and Okinawa Bomb Squad's Jelani Nix, right, helped their squads win the 15th Martin Luther King Invitational Basketball Tournament on Jan. 19.

**Jan. 19** — Lia Gainey and Denise Juzang, a pair of dependent spouses, played key roles as the Yokota Warriors won their first title in the 15th Martin Luther King Invitational Basketball Tournament, dethroning defending champion Camp Casey/Area I of South Korea 73-48. Juzang, who played four seasons at Division II Midwestern State in Wichita Falls,



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Texas, scored 18 of her 24 points in the second half and Gainey, named the tournament MVP, got 16 of her 22 after halftime. On the men's side, All-Armed Forces veterans Billy Shanks and Jelani Nix helped the Okinawa Bomb Squad survive Yokota 92-88, as Shanks hit six three-pointers and finished with 20 points. Nix had 12 of his 16 in the second half.

**June 30** — Lindsay Bengard of Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, and Clarence Hucks and Aaron Lacar of Yokota Air Base, Japan, helped represent Team USA in the International Military Sports Council (CISM) volleyball championships. The women placed fourth among six teams and the men eighth among 10. Three weeks earlier, Navy edged out the Air Force women in a tiebreaker, while the Air Force men soared to the title in the All-Armed Forces tournament at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

**Sept. 25** — Behind seven-time All-Air Force player Chris Markey of Osan Air Base, South Korea, the Air Force men dethroned two-time champion Army in the All-Armed Forces men's softball tournament but by a slim margin; Air Force and Army went 7-2, but Air Force won out for having beaten Army two of the three times they played. Elmer Mason of Yongsan Garrison and Markey each were named to the All-Armed Forces team.

**Dec. 12** — For the first time in six years, Navy won during the annual Army-Navy flag-football game series, played hours before the annual Army-Navy service academy game in Philadelphia. Navy won three of the four games played, 38-6 on Guam, 16-14 in Korea and 14-13 in Japan. Only on Okinawa did the soldiers prevail, 40-35 in the third-highest scoring game in the 19-year series.

**Dec. 5** — Bret Thomas, a staff sergeant based at South Korea's Camp Stanley, helped the U.S. team to a third-place finish in the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe men's basketball tournament at Mons, Belgium. The Americans won four of their five games, coming within a 96-90 loss in pool play to Greece of playing for the title against eventual

champion Lithuania. The Americans beat France 107-62 in the bronze-medal game. Six months earlier, Thomas played for the American team which finished finished with the same result, taking third in the International Military Sports Council (CISM) championship at Klaipeda, Lithuania, by beating Kazakhstan 97-90 in the bronze-medal game.



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Coach Auburne Edwards, surrounded by his Foster Bulldogs players, holds the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League's Torii Bowl trophy that his team won on Aug. 29.

**Aug. 29** — For the first time in the league's 10-year history, the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League Torii Bowl title ventured south to Okinawa. Tim Craig scored a safety and added 2½

sacks and the Foster Bulldogs defense forced eight sacks and eight turnovers to pace a 30-6 romp over three-time Torii Bowl runner-up Yokota at Kuba-saki High School's Mike Petty Stadium.

**March 23** — Disciple defeats mentor. Dietrick Glover and the Hickam Air Force Base Flyers beat Osan Air Base, South Korea, coached by Tony Jones, 78-67 in the finals of the March Madness Pacific Regional Basketball Tournament at Guam's Andersen Air Force Base. Glover was Jones' assistant in the early 2000s. On the women's side, the Okinawa Mystics, returning after a one-year hiatus, routed host Andersen 82-59 behind the play of Brittany Blessard, Andrea Nix and Angela Hampton.

**May 17** — Air Force and Navy repeated their men's and women's titles in the All-Armed Forces Basketball Tournaments at Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington, Tenn. The Air Force men went 6-0 in the tournament, while the women sailors posted a 5-1 mark. Camp Stanley's Bret Thomas of South Korea was selected to the All-Armed Forces men's team, the only Pacific-based player accorded such an honor. Jelani Nix, a Marine based on Okinawa, was named to the All-Tournament team.



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All-Armed Forces and All-American shortstop Leticia Pacheco helped the Lady Guzzlers win the 19th Pacificwide Open Interservice Softball Tournament on May 25 with a triple in the championship game.

**May 25** — After years of heart-break and disappointing finishes, American Legion and Lady Guzzlers ruled the day in the 19th Pacificwide Open Interservice Softball Tournament. Four-time All-Air Force outfielder Chadd Malin homered and drove in four runs and the top three in the batting order went 10-for-14 with eight RBIs as Legion, which re-

peatedly came up short after winning in 2003, dethroned five-time men's champion International Guzzlers 16-13. All-American shortstop Leticia Pacheco tripled and scored on three-time All-Air Force catcher JoJo Dancer's sacrifice fly to left as the Guzzlers, losers in two-game championships the last two years, edged Red Fox, a Korean team, 5-4.

**July 5** — They watched and suffered a year ago, Okinawa's American Legion men and Yard Busters women, as Korea-based teams hauled off the championship hardware. But on this day, neither team left anything to chance, posting resounding, one-sided victories and making the 2009 Firecracker Shootout Interservice Softball Tournament a sweep dream for Okinawa. Robert Gullett belted two home runs and drove in five runs as Legion pounded Camp Humphreys of South Korea 22-5. Meanwhile, women's most valuable player Brandi Kirkpatrick went 5-for-8 and drove in two runs for Yard Busters, who needed two victories over Okinawa's Pitchslap, 11-0 and 10-3, to capture the championship. It was the first Pacific Grand Slam tournament title for Yard Busters, who have taken second place four other times, including last year's Firecracker tournament. Legion captured its 11th championship, second to now-defunct Pacific Force's all-time record of 39. Legion lost a two-game final to Osan Air Base in last year's championship round.



## SPORTS

## LEACH OUT OF ALAMO BOWL

Texas Tech football coach suspended as school investigates player's complaint  
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## NFL: COLTS PASS ON A SHOT AT PERFECTION



THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR, MATT DETRICH/AP

New York Jets linebacker Calvin Pace hits Indianapolis Colts backup quarterback Curtis Painter, causing Painter to fumble during the third quarter Sunday in Indianapolis. With a 15-10 lead and their perfect regular-season record on the line, Colts coach Jim Caldwell replaced Peyton Manning with Painter and pulled other starters from the game. The Colts' 29-15 loss and willingness to pass up a shot at perfection did not sit well with many of the team's fans.

## Colts' call sparks great debate

Coach, GM stand by their strategy in face of criticism

By MICHAEL MAROT  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts coach Jim Caldwell will not second-guess the decision to rest his starters Sunday.

He'll let everybody else do it for him.

One day after Indianapolis pulled the plug on its perfect season by sitting Peyton Manning and others with 5:36 left in the third quarter of a 15-10 game, the great debate raged in Indianapolis.

NFL purists expressed disappointment that the Colts sidestepped a shot at perfection. Other analysts suggested the Colts had an obligation to play it straight, and hometown fans expressed their anger with strong critiques on local radio shows.

None of it fazed Caldwell.

"I'm one of those guys, it's probably my greatest strength and my greatest weakness, I can focus in, I can narrow my scope, and once you

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*"Certainly you weigh all the options before. You take a look at all the things that could occur, but once that decision is done you just keep moving."*

Jim Caldwell

Colts coach, on his decision to pull starters from Sunday's game with a 15-10 lead over the Jets



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

## Commentary

History shows rest hasn't helped in past

By BERNIE MIKLASZ  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

I'm trying to understand Indianapolis Colts coach Jim Caldwell. Really, I am. And on the surface, I really do see his reasoning for yanking quarterback Peyton Manning in the third quarter of Sunday's game against the New York Jets.

If Manning goes down with an injury and is lost for the postseason, the Colts are toast. I get that. And considering that the only thing standing between Manning and a disaster scenario is an overwhelmed rookie backup quarterback named Curtis Painter, I wouldn't blame the Colts for seeking Secret Service protection for Manning.

So Caldwell went with the safety-first approach by removing Manning with more than 20 minutes left on the clock and the Colts holding a precarious 15-10 lead on the hungry Jets. Poor Painter took over. The Jets overran him, and stomped

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